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1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Address: 35 Great Smith Street
London SW1P 3BJ
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Category requested: general

Date established: 18 August 1988

Membership: a national organization with no individual members, and 410 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for year ending 31 March 1997 (pounds sterling)

Income

Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	1 300 000
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	
Other income	165 490
Total	1 465 490

Expenditure

Administration	
Projects	1 418 663
Other activities	
Total	1 418 663

Activities

The Local Government International Bureau, which is the international outreach arm of the Local Government Association of England, the Welsh Local Government Association, the Association of Local Authorities of Northern Ireland and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, seeks accreditation to the Economic and Social Council as the national affiliate body of the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA). IULA is based in The Hague, Netherlands, and has regional branches in all United Nations regions. IULA is in consultative status with the Council. The Bureau seeks accreditation under the procedure set out in Council resolution 1996/31.

Bureau personnel have been active within the United Nations system for a number of years, not only through IULA's consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, but within the context of the United Kingdom local authority contribution and response to United Nations activities. The Bureau has provided the interface between the United Nations process and the national/local implementation of the outcomes of the Earth Summit (1992). In cooperation with

IULA, and with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, the Bureau has promoted Local Agenda 21, the mechanism for the implementation of Agenda 21 at local level, among its members. It also promotes the Habitat Agenda in tandem with Local Agenda 21. Bureau personnel have also participated in the World Summit for Social Development, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), the Commission on Human Settlements and the sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

A Committee of senior elected members formed to guide and inform the United Nations-related activities of the United Kingdom local authority associations and their member authorities, has recently been confirmed and strengthened, despite budget constraints in other areas. This demonstrates the Bureau's commitment to the cause of the United Nations, and especially its activities relevant to the local authority sector.

The Bureau has also been active within the "partnership" strategy practised by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in seeking to build interfaces between levels of government, social groups and sectoral interests and activities. For example, a strong delegation was sent to the recent International Conference on Governance for Sustainable Growth and Equity organized by UNDP.

2. INTERNATIONAL PROSTITUTES COLLECTIVE

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San Francisco
California 94114
United States of America
Tel: 1 415 626 4114
Fax: 1 415 558 9628

Category requested: general

Date established: 1975

Membership: international organization, with 2,830 individual members in 26 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1996-1997 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	2 880
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	14 165
Total	17 045

Expenditure

Administration	6 755
Projects: research project	3 069
Other activities:	
Reports/services	1 280
International networking/conferences	5 584
Total	16 688

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Aims

Aims are to:

(a) Highlight the effects and end the criminalization of prostitute women, children and men;

(b) Ensure that sex workers have protection against rape and other violence;

(c) Highlight the fact that prostitute women are women like other women, and ensure that sex workers everywhere have a voice and that their needs and demands are met;

(d) Press for sex workers to be recognized as workers with human, legal and civil rights;

(e) Oppose the racism, sexism and other discrimination based on legal and economic status, disability, sexual preference and so on faced by sex workers, including immigrant and migrant women;

(f) Make visible the economic contribution of sex workers, most of whom are mothers, to the survival and welfare of families and communities;

(g) Make policy makers aware of how the feminization of poverty, including structural adjustment programmes and economic restructuring, increases the numbers of women and children worldwide forced into prostitution;

(h) Press for viable economic alternatives so that no one is forced into prostitution by poverty;

(i) Gather and convey changes in public opinion that support the safety and rights of sex workers and their families;

(j) Work with individual Governments, United Nations agencies, the non-governmental organization community and the private sector to see that our aims become reality.

Activities

Towards these ends our activities include:

(a) Providing support, advice and information to prostitute women on the laws and their enforcement, safety, child custody, immigration, health, housing, welfare and other benefits;

(b) Running public education campaigns to raise awareness of sex workers' experiences and concerns;

(c) Gathering information and maintaining files on the prostitution laws and their impact on the lives of individuals and communities;

(d) Speaking to community groups, professional organizations, editorial boards, national and international conferences, schools, universities; and holding public meetings and media interviews;

(e) Lobbying local and national Governments;

(f) Publishing and contributing to articles, newsletters, books;

(g) Ensuring grass-roots participation and representation in relevant United Nations conferences and briefings; meeting representatives of United

Nations agencies and government delegates; mailing and e-mailing information on United Nations activity and developments affecting sex workers.

Participation

We intend to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by attending the meetings of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in 1998 and beyond, and the United Nations Commission for Social Development; being part of the non-governmental organization community including the NGO Committee on the Status of Women; conveying to our constituents and the general public progress and developments on our issues; and relaying the concerns of our constituents to the United Nations.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE

Address: 30 Chertsey Road
Woking, Surrey GU 21 5AJ
United Kingdom

Tel: 44. 1483. 771558
Fax: 44. 1483. 765615
Web site: http://www.hria.net
E-mail: HumanRights@HRIA.net

Category requested: special

Date established: 9 September 1994

Membership: Human Rights International Alliance (HRIA) is an international organization, with 2,829 individual members and 31 member organizations.

Financial statement for 1997 (pounds sterling)

Income

Membership dues	2 000
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	8 731
Total	10 731

Expenditure

Administration	1 704
Projects	4 000
Other activities	5 000
Total	10 704

Aims and activities

The aims of the organization are to identify areas for the betterment of the community both in terms of civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights, as per the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and relative covenants, with special emphasis on non-violence and protection of individuals' lives. The aims are to work in partnership with other national and regional human service organizations and human rights groups, bring common objectives and issues to public awareness, to promote multicultural awareness, relieve poverty, improve health conditions, promote education, improve economic and social conditions and save lives.

The organization, through direct services or referrals:

- Maintains a close association of member organizations and individuals, working for the common objective of promoting peace and human rights through research, analysis, education and rehabilitation;

- Is in the process of creating an international databank of human rights organizations and activists;

- Is in the process of creating a human rights hotline in order to monitor and ensure swift intervention in cases of arbitrary, insecure detentions;

- Promotes the basic human rights as per the United Nations Charter and relative international covenants. Brings awareness and educates the public through conferences, symposia and hearings on diverse human rights and thematic issues, such as role, responsibilities and cooperation of human rights actors, global ethnocide, women's rights, children's rights against exploitation and slavery, social and economic injustice, conflict prevention, human rights education etc.;

- Helps individual human rights activists, social workers and organizations by making them available for press interviews, public speaking engagements and corporate seminars;

- Appeals and campaigns for the release of prisoners of conscience, provides legal aid and relief for victims of political violence and torture;

- Promotes, encourages and undertakes research and disseminates the results of such activities. Produces, prints and publishes anything in written, oral or visual media in furtherance of the objectives;

- Provides the provision of counselling and guidance in furtherance of its objectives;

- Participates and contributes to international forums related to the objectives of the organization, including those organized by the Centre for Human Rights.

Human Rights International Alliance is an international organization whose mandate essentially covers the clauses included in United Nations human rights and related conventions.

Human Rights International Alliance was founded on the principle that the concept of non-governmental organizations active in all walks of life is spreading in the North as in the South. It seriously took into consideration the difficulties and necessities for regional organizations to be encouraged and make their goals, activities and achievements known. HRIA also realized the difficulties faced by international institutions, mainly the United Nations, to integrate all non-governmental bodies in its structure, and therefore chose to be a cross-cultural channel of knowledge and understanding with regard to human

rights and development issues. In this respect, HRIA activities correspond fully to the wishes expressed for the last few years by United Nations bodies for non-governmental organizations to get together and have common areas of understanding with consensus forms of expression within the United Nations system.

The activities of the organization are directed primarily towards promulgating better understanding and implementation of articles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and of the recommendations and resolutions of the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. They also focus on active participation in such forums and United Nations organized working groups, assistance to special rapporteurs and consultancy with independent experts, the improvement of international provisions and legal instruments in the interests of individuals, peoples and nations seeking territorial peace, social and economic development, and respect for integrity and dignity.

One of the major tasks for the organization is the setting up of a human rights hotline. The purpose of the hotline is to provide individuals, in all regions of the world, with immediate assistance in case of arbitrary arrests and/or insecure detention. The hotline being a recipient of such cases, it shall then appeal to the concerned authorities by activating the HRIA network of United Nations appropriate departments and officers, non-governmental organizations, Parliamentarians and individuals.

4. KASHMIRI AMERICAN COUNCIL

Address: 733-15th Street, NW, Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20005
United States of America

Category requested: special

Date established: 5 April 1990

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 32,094 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	25 600
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	176 800
Other income	285 286
Total	488 210

Expenditure

Administration	92 989
Projects	284 892
Other activities	133 049
Total	510 930

The chief aim of the Kashmiri American Council (KAC) is international education and promotion of principles of human rights and human dignity, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, self-determination and fundamental freedoms for all, irrespective of their racial, religious, linguistic or sexual preferences. Its special concern is the realization of international human rights norms. Its programme includes public education (speaking at symposia and conferences, publishing newsletters, fact sheets, newspaper columns, letters to the editor, monographs, essays, and other documents) related to the broader scope and the programme of the Economic and Social Council. Its programme also includes attending international human rights conferences to strengthen international human rights conventions and mechanisms, such as a permanent international criminal court or ad hoc arrangements like those established for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

The KAC's educational mission also seeks to inform the public about the honourable causes of all oppressed peoples' internationally recognized right of self-determination, the horrifying conflicts that generally erupt when basic human rights are suppressed, and the imperative of working through peaceful means with all legitimate popular voices (and renouncing terrorism or violence) to resolve disputes.

KAC intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by attending conferences and submitting papers that support international human rights conventions and adherence to human rights norms generally. KAC specifically is eager to explore an array of potential international sanctions and additional institutional arrangements that would better deter and punish human rights violations which tragically seem to have become commonplace among the family of nations. The several lofty economic, social and cultural objectives of the Economic and Social Council can never reach fruition when fratricide, conflict and human rights brutalities are afoot. That understanding places the peace-minded activities of KAC at the centre of the Council's raison d'être.

5. AFRICA FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL

Address: P.O. Box 16099
Kampala
Uganda
Fax: 256-41-345580

Category requested: general

Date established: 1988

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 505 individual members and 23 organization members in five countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	35 000
Other income	13 110
Total	48 100

Expenditure

Administration	22 100
Projects	16 400
Other activities	818
Total	39 318

Aims and activities

The aims of AFCI are:

(a) To promote socio-economic-based development, agriculture, housing and functional literacy;

(b) To provide means for poverty alleviation by providing credit and supportive services to the poor to start income-generating activities;

(c) To promote gender balance;

(d) To train youth in income-generating activities such as trade;

(e) To provide volunteer work in the community;

(f) To network and collaborate with organizations which have similar goals and objectives;

(g) To train men/women for the promotion of the Christian faith under our school of Worle Mission.

Its activities are:

(a) Providing credit facilities to the poor;

(b) Preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ;

(c) Training the target group in functional literacy and adult education;

(d) Extending agricultural assistance in the form of seeds for food security;

(e) Conducting and organizing workshops/seminars concerning awareness of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS.

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

AFCI intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council in two ways: attendance at meetings, especially in areas where the organization has competence and authority, and by preparing papers in areas where the organization has competence - for instance, microfinance and credit administration.

6. AFRICAN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Address: 532 South Vermont Avenue, Suite #104
Los Angeles, California 90020
United States of America

Category requested: general

Date established: 1984

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with approximately 50 individual members and eight organization members (branches) in 20 countries.

Summary of financial statement for year ended 30 June 1997 (United States dollars)

Income	
Other income	189 447
Total	189 447
Expenditure	
Administration and projects	172 083
Other activities	-
Total	172 083

Aims and activities

The African Community Resource Center (ACRC) is a non-governmental organization committed to the humanitarian vision of improving the quality of life in developing countries by providing equal access to resources, information and health interventions. ACRC takes responsibility for advocating on behalf of those whose human rights have been violated - i.e., women and children in refugee camps, those who have been abused by their own Governments, and those in need of hospitals, clinics and universities. Our goal is to offer help where there is none, to give hope when all is lost, provide food and medical care where they are not available to those who need it most and to offer a pathway through injustice wherever we find it. Our mission is to work towards peace and development with compassion and humanity.

We carry out our goals through a variety of programmes around the world, including clinic building, supplying and maintenance; building universities, medical schools and research facilities; shipping medical equipment, food and other vital supplies; sponsoring conferences and conducting research on conflict resolution, reproductive health, leadership training, human rights and other issues pertaining to peace and development; and recruiting and using volunteer professionals in the fields of medicine, science and technology, education,

social work etc. to provide social services, research and advocacy of human rights issues around the world. ACRC has created, supplied and maintained free clinics for women and children in Africa, and has a history of providing medical care, medical equipment, food, prenatal care and nutritional training in Ethiopia, Zaire, Burundi, the United Republic of Tanzania, Chad, Eritrea and Sierra Leone. ACRC conducts conferences and forums with foreign dignitaries from developing countries on issues related to their respective populations. For example, ACRC sponsored the First African Women's Network Conference (Los Angeles, 1996) with African women participants from the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Granting of consultative status under the Economic and Social Council would allow us to vote and participate in all United Nations activities and to receive direct accreditation for conferences, summits and other events in which we want to be active participants. ACRC has participated in sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and a workshop panel at the Fourth World Conference on Women. Consultative status would strengthen our ability to work even more closely with the United Nations and would, as a result, allow us to expedite the humanitarian aid we provide to developing countries. In addition, ACRC would have a stronger voice with which to advocate for refugee populations, women's issues and peace worldwide.

7. KOREA INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

Address: 446, Taewha-dong
Jung-ku, Ulsan
Republic of Korea

Category requested: general

Date established: 10 March 1988

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 9,115 individual members and 172 organization members in 10 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Retained earnings	860
Membership dues	141 154
Contributions from Governments	127 133
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	3 125
Revenue from contracts etc.	33 635
Other sources	122 495
Total	428 402

Expenditure

Administration	69 741
Projects	349 091
Other activities	7 610
Total	426 442

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Republic of Korea was helped greatly by the United Nations and many foreign countries during the Korean War, so it is considered that now it should repay that assistance to the international society again. Therefore, this organization was founded by the President himself in 1988 and it is now a corporate juridical person with 9,115 members and organization members 10 years after its foundation, and now all of our members are cooperating, transcending nation, religion, race, sex and age, we are participating in activities of helping unfortunate neighbours, supporting welfare facilities, environmental observing education and volunteers education in Korea, and we have become an international civil service organization serving third world countries by protecting their natives, medical support for their health and humane support.

The reason why we are wishing to acquire the consultative status in the United Nations is:

(1) Secure personal protection and public trust for visiting the third world countries and the hinterlands and activities of our organization under the close cooperative system with the United Nations.

(2) That this organization can present our opinion through letters or oral reports to the United Nations concerning the inhabitants of the third world hinterlands where this organization participates in activities and the matters of concern and interest to the United Nations and also international problems.

(3) That we will report to the United Nations about the international problems which non-governmental organizations cannot solve and difficulties faced by the international non-governmental organizations to ask for cooperation, and we wish to consult with the international non-governmental organizations that have joined the United Nations.

8. RELIEF INTERNATIONAL

Address: 2288 Westwood Boulevard
Suite 216
Los Angeles, CA 90064
United States of America
Tel: (310) 572-7770
Fax: (310) 572-7790

Category requested: general

Date established: 1990

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with no individual or organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	3 900 003
Total	3 900 003

Expenditure

Administration	35 065
Projects	3 709 239
Other activities	
Total	3 744 304

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

Relief International (RI) is a humanitarian non-profit agency that provides emergency relief, rehabilitation and development assistance to vulnerable communities worldwide. RI's mission is to:

(a) Serve the needs of the most vulnerable, particularly women and children, victims of natural disasters, civil conflicts, and the poor worldwide, with a specific focus on neglected groups and cases;

(b) Promote self-reliance, coexistence and reintegration of vulnerable groups;

(c) Provide holistic, multisectoral, sustainable, and pro-poor programmes that bridge emergency relief and long-term development at the grass-roots level;

(d) Empower communities through capacity-building and by maximizing local resources in programme design and implementation;

(e) Protect lives from physical injury or death and/or psychological trauma, where present;

(f) Uphold the highest professional norms in programme delivery, including accountability to donors and beneficiaries alike.

Founded in 1990, RI's energies initially focused on providing relief materials in such areas as the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Azerbaijan. Since 1993, RI has directly provided emergency, rehabilitation and development project services targeting affected populations in Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Chechnya, Tajikistan and Viet Nam. In 1998, RI is expanding its services to Burundi and Rwanda. Activities have assisted vulnerable communities in the health, shelter, reconstruction, relief, education, community development, agriculture and income-generation sectors.

RI is registered as a tax-deductible charity with the United States Government. RI serves as an implementing partner of the United Nations, is registered as a private voluntary organization with the United States Agency for International Development, and is a member of the American Council for Voluntary International Action. To date, RI maintains field offices in Azerbaijan, Burundi, Tajikistan, and Viet Nam.

In the light of the above, RI would offer a valuable community-based perspective to the Economic and Social Council through attendance at meetings, as well as potential written and oral statements, where appropriate. RI carries out its programmes in concert with beneficiaries and local counterparts alike, and has established partnerships with a number of national-based non-governmental organizations in Azerbaijan, Tajikistan and Viet Nam. As a provider of direct services, RI holds expertise in a variety of sectors in both the relief and development fields, as noted above. As an implementing partner with various United Nations agencies, such as UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP and FAO, RI is sensitive to the mission of the United Nations and its programmes.

9. VISHVA HINDU PARISHAD

Address: Sankat Mochan Ashram
Rama Krishna Puram - VI
New Delhi - 110 022
Bharat
India

Category requested: general

Date established: 13 October 1966

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 1.19 million individual members, and 48 organizational members in 19 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1996-1997 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	357 806
Total	357 806

Expenditure

Administration	50 394
Projects	97 479
Other activities	42 278
Total	190 151

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

Vishva Hindu Parishad is represented universally by its 1.19 million members, who are guided in these service programmes by the four well-known concepts that reflect the realization of the ancient Hindu seers of India:

(a) "Truth is one. The wise pursue it variously". This understanding is the greatest contributing factor which has guided Hindus for thousands of years in tolerating and even respecting others' points of view. Emphasis is on the term "also" and not on "the only way". This emphasizes freedom of following a chosen religion and pursuing individual approach to life and having freedom of speech;

(b) "The whole of humanity is just one family of God". This concept emphasizes the acceptance of every human being as a member of an extended family under universal fraternity. This results in accepting members of all faiths;

(c) "Let all be happy, healthy and blessed". The term "all" includes all humanity, animal and plant kingdoms, and emphasizes the reconciliation of development with environmental/ecological balance;

(d) "Service to others is virtue and exploiting others is a sin". This has helped in developing a view of compassion towards the needy.

Vishva Hindu Parishad is engaged in work for the total welfare of humanity. While it has taken on its shoulders the responsibility of representing and promoting the welfare-related activities of Hindus, which form one fifth of the world's population, it promotes without discrimination the activities of moral and ethical education, medical aid for needy masses, relief to the very poor, advancement of general public utility, and the pursuit of socio-religious, scientific and general research. These noble aims are given shape through the untiring efforts and dedication of highly motivated social workers that operate from the central unit located at New Delhi, its 30 affiliated units spread all over India and 18 affiliated units registered in other countries.

Apart from organizing seminars and conferences at the national and international levels, Vishva Hindu Parishad runs various centres throughout India and abroad involving formal education, non-formal education, establishing single teacher schools, adult education in remote areas, publications for general literacy and awareness, library and reading room services for the very poor, hostels for the needy, and classes in ancient Hindu heritage, language and teachings.

In the field of medical and health services, Vishva Hindu Parishad runs many health centres, hospitals, yoga centres, leprosy treatment centres and research projects in the application of the ancient Indian medical system.

Because the aims and activities of service programmes are aligned with the work the Council is doing, it will be easy for VHP project people to provide extensive data and input on similar projects supported by the United Nations system organizations at other places in the world.

The participation in the work of the Council would be focused on the following areas:

(a) Child care: children who are destitute, orphans, abandoned or abused;

(b) Health and hygiene in remote locations: for people who are located in tribal belts and remote villages;

(c) Community development: for those who feel isolated, to make them feel a part of the community/family;

(d) Economic self-reliance (particularly women): for those who need to learn new skills for self-reliance;

(e) Environmental concern: for all, in particular tribal people who live near the jungle;

(f) Literacy programme: for villages and remote areas, where no schools exist.

10. JAMMU AND KASHMIR COUNCIL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Address: 167, Sanderstead Road, Sanderstead
CR2 OPH Surrey
United Kingdom

P.O. Box 241
London SW17 9LJ
United Kingdom

Category requested: special

Date established: 1985, entered in Charities Register in England and Wales in 1992 (Charity No. 1007297)

Membership: international organization, with 4,300 individual members and 74 organization members in nine countries

Summary of financial statement for year 1996/97 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	22 134
Governments	-
Intergovernmental organizations	-
Other non-governmental organizations	41 087
Contracts	-
Other sources	194 866
Total income	258 087

Expenditure

Administration	36 720
Projects	164 063
Other activities	53 695
Total expenditure	254 478

Aims

Aims are:

(a) To provide relief, rehabilitation and development, aid and assistance to the victims of famine and armed conflict;

(b) To monitor the violations of human rights in South Asia or as required and to liaise with the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and other non-governmental organizations;

(c) To seek to promote respect for fundamental human rights in the region and to promote a general benefit in accordance with article 26 (2) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(d) To promote, for the public benefit, the treatment and relief for those who have undergone physical or psychological torture and/or ill treatment;

(e) To advance the education and training of refugees and their dependants in need thereof so as to foster their advancement in life and assist in their rehabilitation within a new community;

(f) To provide humanitarian help and assistance to those who are victims of the abuse of human rights, with the possibility for this purpose of setting up a charitable trust;

(g) To work in furtherance of article 26 (2) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in promoting understanding and friendship among all nations and racial groups and furthering the maintenance of peace;

(h) To sensitize in respect of the furtherance of the cause of human rights and fundamental freedoms under Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter of the United Nations, cooperate in United Nations programmes/projects and disseminate information on the area of benefit;

(i) To cooperate with other non-governmental organizations in the effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to United Nations human rights instruments and in the implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Jammu and Kashmir Council for Human Rights (JKCHR) attended the Open-Ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations at the inter-sessional meeting of the Economic and Social Council on 7 and 8 November 1994 at United Nations Headquarters in New York and submitted a paper to the Working Group on the "Contract of Understanding between the United Nations and NGOs".

JKCHR would continue its efforts, in collaboration with other non-governmental organizations, to make the interaction more productive and valuable in changing periods in regard to the dissemination of information on United Nations mechanisms and non-governmental organization efforts for the benefit of humankind.

JKCHR, in furtherance of General Assembly resolution 51/104 of 12 December 1996, entitled "United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education and public information activities in the field of human rights", would cooperate with international, regional and national non-governmental organizations and intergovernmental organizations on issues of women, labour, development, food, housing, education, health care and the environment, as well as with all other social justice groups in implementing the action plan.

JKCHR would bring General Assembly resolution 51/104 to the attention of the community and non-governmental organizations concerned with human rights education in the region.

11. LE FOYER MUSULMAN - ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE POUR LES DROITS DE L'HOMME

Address: 150, Route de Ferney
CH-1218 Grand-Saconnex
C.P. 2100 1211 GENEVA 2

Category requested: special

Date established: 5 August 1997

Membership: the association is an international organization, with 42 individual members from 23 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	10 500
Contributions of members	35 000
Total	45 500

Expenditure

Administration	43 292
Projects	2 208
Total	45 500

Aims and activities, and participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

- To show and convince Muslim and non-Muslim peoples how Islam not only does not order or recommend violence but can be a very good basis for understanding and applying human rights principles all over the world, provided that people understand its philosophy. In this context, it invites and recommends respect for humankind, without discrimination of race, faith, culture, sex or political convictions.

- To educate populations on the importance of human rights, the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, peace and democracy, and to explain, by speeches, meetings, conferences, bulletins and publications, articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights so that these would become sacred matters. For this purpose, branches will be inaugurated in many countries, mainly in the Middle East, Africa and the former USSR. The main aim is to eliminate violence, change the deformed face of religions, mainly Islam (which ethnic and political interpretation has deformed for generations), and to recommend and teach tolerance.

- To actively participate in international conferences on human rights.

- To minutely study questions and problems pertaining to trouble spots which may threaten peace in the world, and when necessary, to travel to such countries and areas and prepare reports and surveys accompanied with recommendations. Furthermore, to respond to all requests made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or any other body related to the Council concerning any question, research, study or meeting, and to collaborate and make suitable statements, if necessary. Also, our organization will endeavour to mobilize public opinion for the necessity of neutral courts, which are dedicated only to the examination and judgement of the violation of human rights, and to ensure that these courts shall be empowered with authority to execute their decisions, as far as possible respecting the country's sovereignty. It appears that many judicial organs are not really independent of political leadership and are sometimes prevented from making neutral, independent evaluation and judgement. As part of our activities, we intend to collaborate with United Nations special rapporteurs on minorities and religious intolerance and other relevant committees or rapporteurs that deal with human rights questions.

12. NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

Address: 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 550
Arlington, VA 22201
United States of America

Category requested: special

Date established: 23 January 1984

Membership: the organization is not a membership organization.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars)

Income	
Contributions from Governments	5 246 477
Other income	5 519 857
Total income	10 766 334
Expenditure	
Administration	684 856
Projects	9 155 204
Other activities	
Total expenditure	9 840 060

Aims and activities

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) has spent the first 14 years of its existence coordinating and mobilizing the private and public sectors of the United States to create a training centre and information clearinghouse for thousands of organizations and agencies, in order to tackle one of the world's most complex and difficult social problems. NCMEC leads the country in its efforts to resolve and prevent the needless crimes against children that occur every day.

NCMEC has several different divisions that work together towards the common goal of protecting our children. Some of NCMEC's main divisions and projects are:

(a) Twenty-four-hour toll-free hotline (800-THE-LOST), which covers the United States, Mexico, United Kingdom, Belgium and France. It receives almost 1,000 calls per day from the public and law enforcement regarding stranger abductions, family abductions, runaways/thrown-aways, and lost or otherwise missing children.

(b) Missing Children Division, which coordinates with law enforcement and other agencies regarding missing children. It has assisted in the recovery of over 40,000 children.

(c) International Division, which manages all incoming cases under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and provides legal and technical assistance to victim parents, law enforcement, and other agencies regarding international child abduction.

(d) Media and poster distribution, utilizing technology in order to create and disseminate posters of missing children to all areas of the country and coordinating with media and the press in order to gain coverage of specific cases and general issues.

(e) Age progression, a method of computer graphics that shows the "age progress" of children who have been missing for over two years.

(f) Web site, with current pictures of missing children and the latest information on child protection issues.

(g) Exploited Child Unit, which offers technical assistance to law enforcement officials who are contacted on a case referral and is developing a database of child exploitation experts and international press releases regarding this issue.

(h) Publications, disseminated free to the public.

(i) Training and Project ALERT, which trains law enforcement from around the country and the world in the latest techniques and developments in areas of child protection and recruits volunteer retired law enforcement to aid in current projects and current investigations.

NCMEC has an established relationship with law enforcement and other official agencies throughout the world. Increasingly, as technology and travel make international communication easier, NCMEC is addressing the issue of missing and exploited children in the international arena. In addition to hundreds of domestic visitors and trainees each year, NCMEC hosts numerous international visitors and trainees every year who are interested in learning about our resources and programmes. These have included the Prime Minister of Belgium, the Attorney General of the Netherlands, various Interpol agencies from around the world, and embassy officials serving in and outside the United States.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The United Nations has a long history of being a leader in campaigns to guarantee human rights and to try to end human suffering on a global scale. NCMEC is a model for how to use technology, private business, and government to help children. If granted consultative status with the Council, NCMEC would like to add to the foundation that the United Nations has established by assisting in pulling the world's resources together to help children maintain their fundamental rights as human beings. Through participation in conferences,

dissemination of our vast resources, and contribution to the Council's studies and reports on social issues, NCMEC would be a unique, active non-governmental organization in helping to promote the cooperation of countries in trying to attain a crime-free world for children.

13. ARGENTINA ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Address: Córdoba 2020, Rosario
Postal Code 2000
Santa Fe
Argentina

Category requested: General

Date established: 1985

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 370 individual members and no organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars):

Income	
Membership dues	3 900
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	600
Total income	4 500
Expenditure	
Administration	500
Projects	-
Other activities	4 000
Total expenditure	4 500

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

According to its constitution, the following are the fundamental objectives of the organization:

(a) To support the development and codes of international law;

(b) To ensure cooperation and the communication between professors and researchers of related juridical and socio-political disciplines and the international community, and the exchange of information on their scientific activities;

(c) To promote the bringing up to date of their teaching and the facilitation of research coordinating individual and collective activities in those areas;

(d) To support the scientific improvement of their members, both in the country and abroad, as well as that of students and graduates who wish to specialize in disciplines related to international law;

(e) To support the formation and improvement of libraries and related documentation centres in this area;

(f) To programme and maintain the publications that are considered necessary for the appropriate execution of its purposes, in particular to support the diffusion of resolutions approved in its congresses and the scientific works of its members;

(g) To cooperate with activities that develop international organisms of a juridical character; and to contribute to the formation of a collective conscience that works towards the solution of international problems through justice and the law.

AADI works as a catalyst for the exchange of scientific knowledge and for the production and popularization of international law studies. It organizes and supports different scientific events of national and international character. The Association also publishes an annual with scientific articles linked to current problems of international law and a periodic bulletin, with news and topics of interest for its associates.

The organization intends to contribute in the area of international law in the work of the Economic and Social Council, in particular its subsidiary bodies, related organs and executive meetings that deal with such topics as economic, social and cultural rights, trade and development, environment and international law.

14. AMITIÉ SANS FRONTIÈRES INTERNATIONALE

Address: Hôtel Hermitage
Sq. Beaumarchais
MC 98000
Monaco

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 1996

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 530 individual members and eight organization members in eight countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1 October 1996 to 30 September 1999 (French francs):

Income	
Membership dues	58 557
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	17 127
Total income	75 684
Expenditure	
Administration*	-
Projects*	
Other activities*	—
Total expenditure	-

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

Amitié sans frontières internationale is a service club that is open to all. It is, and has always been, founded on the principle of mixed membership (both men and women).

Its bases are justice, tolerance and friendship.

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* Undertaken individually by every member of the Board of Directors or by the Monaco Club.

Its emblem is the sunflower, symbolizing the sun, which shines for everyone, regardless of his or her social caste, race, sex, nationality or creed.

Its main objective is humanitarian action on issues identified by the United Nations General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

Permission to establish an Amitié sans frontières club is granted strictly subject to the condition that the proposed new club must be located in a part of the world where human rights are respected.

The Amitié sans frontières service clubs that have been established to date in various parts of the world have, in the majority of cases, Presidents who are young adults between 30 and 40 years old and are strongly motivated by the Amitié sans frontières ethic. At the same time, those clubs include many older members, working in harmony with their younger colleagues to serve the human community more effectively.

Amitié sans frontières clubs have been active in a broad range of fields. Their accomplishments to date have included:

Contribution to the establishment of a shelter for street children in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;

Participation in the fight against AIDS by providing financial support for specialists working in the field of medical research;

Organization of a cancer prevention campaign;

Support for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the context of Operation ReUNite, which is aimed at locating Yugoslav refugee children dispersed in various host countries and reuniting them with their parents;

Support for an ecological campaign aimed at the reforestation of a mountain that had been devastated by a forest fire;

Provision of equipment for an analysis laboratory in Benin;

Support for a Mediterranean Sea protection project;

Support for the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees through the launching of Operation Rebuild, which is aimed at providing assistance for the victims of conflict in the Balkans.

In the future, Amitié sans frontières intends to focus on action on behalf of educationally underprivileged children, children who are forced to do work that is not compatible with their age, women who are denied their essential rights, and, in general, all victims of injustice and intolerance. Every one of our projects, however modest, is or will be a step towards peace.

15. CENTER FOR POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Address: 1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Suite 710
Washington, D.C. 20009
United States of America

Category requested: special

Date established: 1978

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with no individual or organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars):

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	94 975
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	3 224 974
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	339 954
Total income	3 659 903
Expenditure	
Administration	587 977
Projects	2 130 751
Other activities	926 830
Total expenditure	3 645 558

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Center for Policy Alternatives (CPA) is the United States' leading non-profit, non-partisan public policy and leadership development centre devoted to community-based solutions that strengthen families and communities. CPA links elected leaders across the 50 states and abroad with private and independent sector leaders in the search for common ground, new ideas and resources to create solutions that work. CPA's mission is to engage a new generation of leaders around the world to envision and realize progressive solutions for our future, including:

- Secure and healthy families;
- Thriving, energized communities;
- Sustainable growth and development;

- Preservation and renewal of resources;
- Fair, flourishing and inclusive economy;
- Vibrant, participatory democracy.

CPA's policy work focuses on elder and child care, community economic development, education, job training, entrepreneurship and microenterprise, community health, and economic self-sufficiency, including equal pay and a living wage. CPA's leadership development programmes promote values-based public policy, encourage and strengthen civic participation, and bring together elected and community leaders to collaborate on creative policy solutions to the issues facing our communities and families. These programmes work to engage newly emerging leaders and under-represented communities, especially women, minorities and youth.

CPA carries out the organization's mission through its Flemming Fellows Leadership Institute and Regional Policy Leaders Forums, which use retreats and issue and leadership development forums to bring together and train newly elected leaders. Its grass-roots leadership development programmes use conferences, public awareness campaigns and technical assistance to strengthen civic participation. CPA continues to develop and implement its women-led economic agenda through extensive polling and research projects, forums and policy publications. Its health-care initiatives offer technical assistance and educational resources to community health programmes. CPA's web site is used extensively as a policy and model programmes resource centre and as an organizing and communications tool.

CPA is interested in being active in the Commission on the Status of Women, especially on issues related to economic self-sufficiency, microenterprise, community economic development, community health, job training, education, child and elder care and ageing. CPA also intends to be active in the special session of the General Assembly on the five-year review of the Beijing Platform for Action. We will continue to play a leadership role in United States Women Connect, the NGO working group aimed at promoting implementation of the Platform for Action that resulted from Beijing and will remain active in a working group of national organizations focused on the ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in the United States.

16. INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON DISTANCE EDUCATION

Address: Bahnhofstrasse 58
8001 Zurich
Switzerland

Category requested: Special

Date established: May 1997 (Switzerland); 15 December 1997 (Spain)

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 554 individual members and 13 organizational members in 9 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars):

Income	
Membership dues	113 982
Other NGOs	6 500
Other sources (collaboration courses)	
*Extras	117 595
Total	238 077
Expenditure	
Administration	65 539
Projects (scholarships)	113 976
Other activities (extraordinary)	829
Total	180 344

Aims and activities, and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The activities of the International Commission on Distance Education (CODE) are aimed at the development of distance-taught education programmes throughout the world as a precondition to the improvement of economic, social and personal conditions of all individuals. This development is based on the improvement of academic conditions, the study of new technologies, and ongoing support for students around the world, to enable them to take advantage of a system of education which is at once cheaper, simpler, more accessible, and more humane.

To achieve these objectives, the organization promotes a wide variety of activities: conferences, training courses at all levels, book and magazine publishing, use of the Internet etc. In collaboration with universities, CODE offers courses on conflict-solving, peace, international trade, and international relations. CODE also promotes the Albert Schweitzer International University, a humanistic project dedicated to peace studies, disarmament, and the improvement of health care in third world countries, and programmes to improve environmental conditions and working conditions in third world countries.

The development of the Internet and its associated technologies is one of the foundations of the activities of CODE. To that end, CODE will adapt itself to the new digital technologies so as to improve communication between its associate members throughout the world. CODE will seek early membership in ITU so as to be able to participate in the development of telecommunications as applied to teaching techniques.

If granted consultative status, CODE would create subsections analogous to those of the Council so as to better inform the Council of the concerns and proposals of its members and organizations. Equally, those subsections would respond to requests from the Council for reports for the organizations of the United Nations, thus fulfilling the commitment of our organization as a consultative body. CODE would participate in the General Assembly and in the preparatory commissions. It would continue to take part in United Nations conferences and in the General Assembly of UNESCO.

17. INTERNATIONAL ENERGY FOUNDATION

Address: P.O. Box 83617
Tripoli
Libya

Category requested: General

Date established: 26 March 1989

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 1,150 individual members and 20 organizational members in 96 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Libyan dirhams)

Income

Other (generated through the technical and scientific activities run by IEF)	146 699
Total	146 699

Expenditure

Administration	65 720
Projects (conferences and exhibitions, seminars, courses)	48 015
Other activities (lectures, research)	24 140
Total	137 876

Aims and activities, and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The International Energy Foundation (IEF) is an international, non-political, non-governmental, non-profit-making organization with international membership available to those interested and working in the field of energy - individuals and institutions. IEF disseminates information and establishes cooperation links among its members for the benefit of mankind and the environment, particularly in developing countries. Its activities include organizing conferences, seminars and workshops, granting awards, conducting studies and preparing publications etc. in its field of interest. It cooperates with other relevant international bodies to foster world education and scientific research.

IEF would undertake, alone or in cooperation with other relevant international regional or subregional organizations and institutions, programmes to meet the common objectives and goals for sustainable development, in a broad sense, that concern the Council.

18. LEADERSHIP FOR ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Address: 700 Broadway, Suite 300
New York, N.Y. 10003
United States of America

Category requested: General

Date established: 1 March 1993

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 12 member programmes and 952 associates and fellows from 50 countries within those member programmes.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars):

Income

Revenue from contracts, etc.	6 171 726
Other income	424 169
Total	6 595 895

Expenditure

Administration	880 974
Projects	5 320 659
Other activities	-
Total	6 201 633

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) was created to help meet the need for a new type of global leadership - one that could create and implement policies that reflect the link between economic prosperity, a healthy environment and social equity. The goal of LEAD is to foster a global network of future decision makers with the knowledge, values and skills to develop national and international policies that emphasize the environmentally sustainable and socially equitable use of the earth's resources.

By way of a formal two-year training programme, LEAD builds knowledge of a variety of environment, development and leadership issues. Participants embark on an interactive course of study and skills formation that is designed to complement their professional commitments. Once they have successfully graduated from two-year programmes, they enter the LEAD Fellows Programme. Their activities continue through funding and opportunities for joint projects, conference participation and internships.

LEAD is a non-profit organization with 12 affiliated member programmes, inter alia, Brazil, Canada, China, Europe, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, and six countries in southern Africa. There are currently 952 LEAD associates and fellows.

Among the many key environment and development issues covered in LEAD training, the role of the intergovernmental system is one of the most important. LEAD has recently focused on this issue more closely in an international session titled The Changing Role of the Intergovernmental System: Sustainable Development in the 21st Century (11-22 April 1999), during which it attended the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The 185 LEAD associates attended the tourism segment of the session and held an officially scheduled side event focused on sustainable tourism and the role of the Commission. This will also be the subject of future training.

A delegation of 25 LEAD fellows will be attending the World Science Conference being organized by UNESCO, among others, to be held in July 1999 in Budapest, where they are contributing a statement to the Conference. LEAD also participated in a recent initiative to provide feedback on non-governmental organization interaction in United Nations conferences.

LEAD is increasing its interface with the United Nations particularly in affairs related to the work of the Council. It would like to be able to be accredited to participate in sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development and other related bodies where it could contribute in an official manner. As an organization of leaders for environment and development, it could both make substantive contributions to discussions and act as a multiplier through its extensive network of associates and fellows around the world.

19. WALES ASSEMBLY OF WOMEN

Address: c/o 2 Little Orchard
2 Little Orchard
Dinas Powys
Vale of Glamorgan
CF 64 4NH
UK

Category requested: General

Date established: 1985

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 380 individual members and 17 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997/98 (pounds sterling):

Income

Membership dues	1 369.00
Contributions from Governments	7 960.00
Other	2 142.09
Total	11 471.09

Expenditure

Administration	8 616.15
Projects	1 537.15
Other activities	15.00
Total	10 168.30

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

As well as preparing for the assessment of the Beijing Conference in 2000, we are planning a major event on women in poverty in Wales, in autumn 1999.

We held a conference in preparation for the Beijing Conference with a large attendance of women from all over Wales. Subsequently we made a full report on the Global Platform for Action and took a leading role in formulating the United Kingdom National Agenda for Action, especially in its reference to Wales. Decision-making has been a major issue for us, with plans for devolved government and the setting up of a national assembly in Wales. We organized a preparatory conference in October 1996, "Power Matters", followed by a major petition and large advertisement in our national press to lobby for support of gender balance in the proposed national assembly. We are pleased to have achieved some success ultimately with 23 women out of 60 members, some of whom have also been active members of the Wales Assembly of Women.

We intend to continue to play an active role on contributing to debates, caucus meetings and governmental presentations in the interest of women everywhere, especially where the quality of their lives has been constrained and where the girl-child has been seriously disadvantaged.

20. COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

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Category requested: general

Date established: 1968

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 15,082 individual members and 104 organization members in 31 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars):

Income

Membership dues	301 133.25
Government	-
Intergovernmental organizations	-
Other non-governmental organizations	2 310 615.80
Contracts	69 191.48
Other sources	45 461.76
Total	2 726 402.03

Expenditure

Administration	126 368.58
Projects	1 031 803.15
Other activities	133 083.54
Total	1 291 255.27

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Community of Sant'Egidio promotes human values of solidarity, mutual understanding, dialogue, peace and protection of human life, especially for the development of the weakest people. The Community of Sant'Egidio relates to the work of the Economic and Social Council mainly in social, cultural, educational, health-care and human right issues.

The Community of Sant'Egidio is a combination of differentiated entities: a grass-roots organization, a think tank, an advocacy group and an operative group specialized in diplomatic troubleshooting. All the members of the Community are strongly committed to the poor in the social life of the places where the Community is established. This care for the poorest people led the

Community to be constantly concerned about the changing forms of poverty. The various services the Community is running today are a result of this concern and of this effort. As a whole, the Community organizes and runs initiatives in the field of assistance to the most needy parts of society, and important cooperation, development, and assistance projects in various parts of the world. Commitment areas are: children, street children, old people, homeless, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) patients, gypsies, the handicapped (mental and physical), refugees and immigrants.

Work for peace. There have been hundreds of initiatives for dialogue among cultures and religions: in the fields of study, cultural meetings and interchanges with highly authoritative persons. Many of these meetings have been supported by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The Community of Sant'Egidio was the official mediator in the peace talks between the Government of Mozambique and the guerrilla movement Mozambique National Resistance (RENAMO). The talks were held in Rome at the centre of the Community. At first they were secret and then became public with the participation of observers from other countries and of the United Nations. Other areas of cooperation with United Nations agencies include projects for Iraqi refugees (in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)), programmes against malnutrition in Albania (in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)), training of Albanian physical therapists (in collaboration with UNICEF), medical aid for Beira Hospital in Mozambique (in cooperation with the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)).

As described, the areas of United Nations concern - particularly as related to social, cultural, educational, sanitary and human rights questions - in which the Community participated are large in number. The already wide and profitable cooperation could be more enhanced by the Community of Sant'Egidio participation, as an observer, at public meetings of the Council and its subsidiary bodies, as well as meetings of the commissions and other subsidiary organs of the Council.

21. INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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Germany
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Fax: ++49 (0)69 42010829 Internet: www.ishr.org

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 4 September 1984

Membership: The International Society for Human Rights (ISHR) is an international organization, with approximately 9,000 individual members and 3 organization members in 35 countries at present.

Financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars):

Income

Membership dues	25 000.00
Contributions from Governments	5 000.00
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	92 000.00
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Contracts	-
Other (donations in kind and cash)	1 598 420.32
Total	1 720 420.32

Expenditure

Administration	310 000.00
Projects	800 000.00
Other (publications, annual meetings)	450 000.00
Total	1 559 934.45

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The International Society for Human Rights (ISHR) is a network of national organizations that bases its work primarily on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed by the United Nations on 10 December 1948. Its objective is to promote and achieve universal respect for basic human rights.

ISHR works by giving support to the global non-violent human rights movement and by exposing and condemning human rights violations. ISHR provides basic help to victims of human rights violations including refugees, and victims of political, religious, ethnic or racist persecution, torture and war.

ISHR seeks to promote international understanding and tolerance in all areas of culture and society. It is a non-profit-making organization, independent of all political parties, Governments or religious groups.

ISHR believes that non-violent progress towards the realization of basic human rights and democracy is a key to addressing serious social problems and issues. If a society is free, solutions for social problems are much more likely to be found and implemented.

In the past years, ISHR has coordinated, supervised and/or implemented a number of projects designed to raise awareness on human rights and democracy issues, and to offer humanitarian help in specific areas to some of the less protected population groups. This includes a total of six projects, which have been carried out since 1994 with the financial support of the European Commission. ISHR is also actively involved in a number of humanitarian aid, legal and other assistance programmes in the Central and Eastern European States, newly independent States and Asian and African countries.

ISHR contributes to the work of the Commission on Human Rights by submitting reports about systematic and serious human rights violations. ISHR informs people about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and all relevant international conventions, and the Commission on Human Rights and its functions. ISHR supplies the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) with information on refugees situation. ISHR is in consultative status with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat.

At present, the International Secretariat, in close cooperation with CICC, is running an international campaign on the International Criminal Court together with its National Sections in Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Romania, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, Ukraine and Uzbekistan, which consists of photo exhibitions, seminars, leaflets and a forum on the Internet.

Several other projects are planned for 1999-2000, among them the project entitled "Training for Democracy in the Ukrainian Armed Forces", a project on civic education in Uzbekistan, a print shop of public benefit in Romania, a project to monitor the elections in the Russian Federation, a training programme for teachers in the Congo and a technical training school (radio, TV) for young people in Kenya, as well as human rights conferences in Belarus, Uzbekistan and Slovakia.

As ISHR is a network of, at present, 35 National Sections and National Groups worldwide, with a 15-year lasting history, numerous documentation, newsletters, reports, books and other information have been printed in many languages. Publications that appear on a regular basis may be described as follows:

(a) Human Rights Worldwide is published by the International Secretariat, four issues a year and distributed on the international level. The total number printed is between 5,000 and 10,000 copies;

(b) The German Section of ISHR (IGFM) publishes the magazine Menschenrechte, which appears four times a year, is printed in a run of 5,000 copies, and informs members and donors about projects and activities of IGFM; and an additional leaflet Für die Menschenrechte is distributed six times a year, with a print run of up to 80,000 copies;

(c) The French Section of ISHR (SIDH) publishes the bimonthly magazine Droit de Regard, which is also distributed by ISHR, Sections and Groups in French-speaking countries in Africa;

(d) The Australian Section of ISHR publishes the magazine Charter;

(e) The Russian Section of ISHR publishes the monthly newspaper Law and Protection.

Since 1999, the International Secretariat, in cooperation with its Sections also runs an English-language home page on the Internet which can be found under: www.ishr.org.

22. IN HONOR OF MANDELA FUND

Address: Suite 1016
166 West 75th Street
New York, NY 10023
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 9 March 1995

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 8 individual members in 1 country.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars):

Income	
Other: donated expertise, gifts	136 800
Total	136 800
Expenditure	
Administration	20 600
Other	9 200
Total	29 800

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The mission of In Honor of Mandela Fund (IHMF) is to provide a realistic and tangible means out of poverty and despair - which consists of education, adult basic literacy workshops, a national free books donation programme and provision of basic health care and hygiene. By offering these four programmes, IHMF recognizes the technological growth, the global competitiveness and addresses employment needs, as a means of outlining the challenges and ways forward in the twenty-first century. By stressing that education, training and job preparation will play a key and vital role in transforming South Africa's economic and social growth, IHMF will ultimately contribute to increasing the level of living and personal human development for all South Africans.

IHMF is meeting some of the fundamental needs of and strengthening South Africa's historically disadvantaged poorest of poor people. It is targeting the serious and tremendous gap in the literacy and education sector. Starting with the Fund's beginnings in March of 19[illegible], it believes that through education, discipline, nurturing, intense skill-building and consistency, children can be protected from succumbing to what seems to be a predestined existence in misery such as drug addiction, alcoholism, teenage pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, life on the

streets, crime and violence. These concerns have always been in the forefront of our mission.

IHMF would participate fully in the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies by attending conferences and United Nations meetings that pertain specifically to components of its programmes and in the areas of its expertise, relating to such topics as HIV/AIDS awareness, schools in Africa, women and children, education, environmental issues, technology, science, health, agriculture, and political, economic and social issues in Africa. It would hope to offer oral and written statements in those meetings and conferences which would be useful and informative to other non-governmental organizations.

23. JUBILEE CAMPAIGN

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Category requested: Special

Date established: 1993 (United Kingdom); 30 May 1991 (United States)

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 4 individual members and 6 organization members in 9 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (pounds):

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income (voluntary donations from the public)	84 354
Total	84 354

Expenditure	
Administration	34 412
Projects	49 855
Other activities	-
Net operating surplus	3 087
Total	84 354

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

Generally, Jubilee Campaign purposes to research and investigate reported allegations of the abuse of human rights worldwide and to publish and act upon the results of such research and investigation, inter alia, by providing a forum for the formation and exchange of views on all questions connected with allegations of human rights abuse focusing on abuse of children and religious liberty.

Jubilee Campaign's purposes and activities encompass two areas of competency within the field of human rights. These are: religious freedom and children's rights. Within our areas of competency, Jubilee Campaign seeks to report violations of human rights, implement educational programmes, publish and circulate reliable statistics and data, and distribute reports and resolutions published by the Commission on Human Rights to our affiliates and to groups within which we maintain membership. We purpose to network with other non-governmental organizations, present accurate testimony, make recommendations, facilitate implementation of recommendations of the United Nations commissions, and otherwise within our spheres of influence support the programmes and objectives of the United Nations declarations and covenants.

Jubilee Campaign maintains member affiliates and contacts within countries to which we communicate United Nations resolutions, declarations, programmes, covenants, reports, and other informational resources. We also make fact-finding missions and distribute as widely as possible to the general public and Governments detailed reports and briefing papers that implement United Nations resolutions and principles. We coordinate activities within a number of countries with the objective of seeking to implement United Nations reports and resolutions as these relate to religious liberty, minority rights and children's rights. Jubilee Campaign regularly seeks to meet with governmental leaders and has facilitated parliamentary briefings and hearings on the violation of religious liberty, and to stop the killing of street children, and to prevent the sexual exploitation of children, and has raised awareness of other human rights issues. Finally, since 1990 Jubilee Campaign has annually spoken at the Commission on Human Rights through the International Association for the Advancement of Religious Liberty. Speeches and reports within our areas of competence were presented to Commission delegates.

Jubilee Campaign remains committed to actively expanding the scope of our membership body in order to fulfil the United Nations agenda as these relate to our areas of competency. If granted consultative status, we would enable members of our membership body to assume greater participation in the United Nations context, particularly as it relates to education. We would seek to organize workshops and develop brochures to inform, educate and inspire the public to empathize with and take action implementing United Nations recommendations within our areas of competence.

24. RUSSIAN PUBLIC MOVEMENT "FOR CIVIL RIGHTS"

Address: 10 Novaya Ploschad, 5th floor
103012, Moscow, Russian Federation

Category requested: Special

Date established: 11 April 1997

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 134 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1 January-31 December 1998

Income

Membership dues	-
Government	-
Intergovernmental organizations	-
Other non-governmental organizations	-
Contracts	-
Other sources	-
Total	-

Expenditure

Administration	-
Projects	-
Other activities	-
Total	-

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Russian Public Movement "For Civil Rights" shows a zero-sum balance because it has operated in conjunction with, and under the auspices of, another Russian Federation non-governmental organization, the Institute for Regional Development, to carry out joint projects for the past two years. Ms. Tatyana Ermina, founder of the Institute for Regional Development, has recently been appointed Vice-President of the Russian Public Movement "For Civil Rights" and all future funding will go directly to this organization.

The Russian Public Movement "For Civil Rights" was founded in 1997 in support of the principles and aims of Article 55 (Chapter IX) of the Charter of the United Nations with a view to promoting solutions that enable citizens of the Russian Federation to achieve economic and social progress and development; universal respect for, and observance of, the principles of human rights fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion; and international educational cooperation.

In this respect, the organization carries out educational and informational activities aimed at encouraging political activism and economic activity that promote the development and expansion of democracy, increase the framework for economic, civil and human rights and values, and protect the rights of all citizens in ways that give practical application to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

It accomplishes this by:

(a) Supporting non-partisan political activity to promote federalism, democracy and the rule of law; monitoring legislative initiatives (including social security reform); and encouraging political activism and economic activity through the use of educational programmes and materials;

(b) Cooperating with pertinent State agencies, and legal and individual experts in accordance with its statutory aims and goals;

(c) Organizing and participating in conferences and educational activities that foster intercultural understanding, support educational reform and combat social exclusion for minorities and disadvantaged groups;

(d) Using the media to advocate the protection of the civil, economic, education and human rights of the elderly, abused children, ethnic minorities and women;

(e) Carrying out in-depth research studies including specific aspects of pension issues and their impact on women in the Russian Federation;

(f) Collaborating with other organizations working in the same or similar fields.

If accredited to the Economic and Social Council, the Russian Public Movement "For Civil Rights" will develop programmes to address gender-based violence; and actively participate in United Nations-sponsored conferences and programmes to promote democracy and defend the economic, civil and human rights of the elderly, ethnic minorities, women and children. The organization will also expand its information-sharing activities to encompass relevant sections of the United Nations Secretariat and will offer its expertise to the Commission on Human Rights as well as the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE). In addition, the organization will also monitor implementation by the Russian Federation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Beijing Platform for Action.

25. ALLIANCE MUSULMANE D'ANGOLA

Address: Bairro Palanca, Zona 12, Rua 113, No. 16
C.P. 5434
Luanda
Angola

Category requested: Special

Date established: 25 November 1993

Membership: The organization is a national organization with 420 individual members.

Summary of financial statement (United States dollars):

Income	
Membership dues	1 650
Other income	42 100
Total	43 750
Expenditure	
Administration	1 000
Projects	25 000
Other activities	10 000
Total	36 000

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The objective of ALMUA is to combat the poverty, destitution and intellectual, economic and social deprivation of the Angolan people; offer guidance to and train youth in various areas of social, professional, technical, cultural, athletic and recreational life; provide assistance to the needy; build mosques, rehabilitation centres for the disabled, orphanages, medical centres and children's schools; and defend human, particularly children's, rights.

Activities of ALMUA

ALMUA is involved in the establishment of centres, cooperatives and vocational training schools and also carries out activities in the areas of agriculture; general and cultural education; water purification; literacy; and humanitarian and health assistance.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

ALMUA would provide strong support to the Council by providing human rights activists in Angola; supporting all the recommendations, projects and conclusions emanating from United Nations meetings; and pledging to support the work of the United Nations and to disseminate its principles and activities.

26. FEDERATION OF IJAW COMMUNITIES

Address: 70 Arbery Road
Bow
London E3 5DD
United Kingdom

Category requested: Special

Date established: 24 November 1991

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 5,000 individual members and 25 organizational members in three countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (pounds sterling):

Income

Membership dues/subscriptions	840
Revenue from contracts	500
Other	1 150
Total	2 490

Expenditure

Administration	853
Other activities	1 500
Total	2 353

Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Federation of Ijaw Communities (FEDICOM) is the representative umbrella organization for all United Kingdom/EU-based Ijaw community associations/groups. It represents over 5,000 individual members in the United Kingdom/EU, and in Nigeria, FEDICOM represents over 8 million people across the Niger Delta region, encompassing Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Delta, Edo, Ondo and Rivers states. It is an independent, voluntary, non-political, non-commercial, non-profit making, non-governmental organization. Its membership is made up of representatives from every one of the several United Kingdom/EU-based Ijaw community associations/ groups.

Activities

Since its inception on 24 November 1991, its activities have centred around its object of drawing by peaceful means the attention of the international community to the appalling environmental degradation and inhumane living conditions in the oil/gas-rich Niger Delta region of Nigeria. To that end, it

attended the World Conference on Human Rights (NGO Forum) in Vienna (10-12 June 1993), and the follow-up Manchester Forum on Sustainable Development (Agenda 21) in October 1994. It has over the years organized various campaigns, workshops, seminars, conferences etc. based on these fundamental issues. In particular, it organized an international conference on the Niger delta area of Nigeria, which led to the formation of an international committee on the Niger Delta, which subsequently came to be known as the Niger Delta Forum. It encompasses all ethnic nationalities of the Niger Delta, including the Ijaw Itshekiri, Isoko, Binis, Urhobos, Ogonis, Ibibios, Ikwerres, Ishans, Kwales, Annags, Ogbas etc., thereby bringing together a diverse set of peoples with diverse cultures and languages for the good of humanity.

It is the hope of FEDICOM to consolidate past achievements (noted above) with cooperation from the Council and to advance its work further by carrying out its planned activities. It is willing and prepared to keep and abide by the ethos, standards, and fundamental principles of the United Nations.

Finally, it appeals to the United Nations to help the helpless, impoverished, powerless Ijaw/Niger delta region of Nigeria. There is no alternative.

27. UNITED WORLD COLLEGES

Address: Lynton House
Tavistock Square
London WC1H 9LT
United Kingdom

Category requested: General

Date established: 19 June 1967

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 20,000 individual members and 120 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (pounds sterling):

Income	
Donations/grants	228 523
College contributions	346 070
Income from operations/sundry income	16 982
Investment income	137 418
Total	728 993
Expenditure	
Scholarships	261 408
Programme/training	147 931
International administration	224 220
Communications	109 924
Total	743 483

Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council

"Through international education, experience, and community service, United World Colleges enables young people to become responsible world citizens, politically and environmentally aware, committed to the ideals of peace and justice, understanding and cooperation, and to the implementation of these ideals through action and personal example."

The mission statement of United World Colleges is as follows: United World Colleges brings together students from all over the world to live and study together at 10 colleges based in the United Kingdom, Singapore, Canada, Swaziland, the United States, Italy, Venezuela, Hong Kong (China), Norway, and India. Selection of students is carried out by more than 100 national committees and is based on merit, irrespective of ability to pay. Students in nine colleges are aged 16-18 and study for the international baccalaureate;

students in the Venezuelan college are aged 18-21 and study for a diploma in farm management.

United World Colleges (UWC), as an organization in active partnership with UNESCO, supports issues related to education and access to education for all. UWC is also active in supporting the rights of young people and the right of access to education for young people who are refugees, and it intends to pursue these goals through working partnerships with the Council and, in particular, with the United Nations special agencies, UNHCR and UNICEF.

UWC students and graduates are collectively involved in community service projects throughout the world, including environmental protection programmes, conflict resolution programmes, African development conferences, rural development and world health issues.

In the area of environmental protection, more than 800 students at four UWC colleges are involved in official water pollution monitoring programmes, and one college maintains an oceanographic research laboratory. In the area of humanitarian assistance programmes, two colleges run accredited search and rescue teams, one of which operates at sea and one in the wilderness, and all students at all colleges assist in community service projects with marginalized children and young people.

Conflict resolution programmes are a major emphasis in all 10 UWC colleges, with students organizing and participating in week-end seminars, special studies weeks and peace institutes. Each year United World Colleges (International) organizes three or four summer programmes which bring together young people, often from troubled areas of the world. In 1998, UWC held summer programmes in the Middle East (Jordan), Lithuania, and Montenegro.

Above all, United World Colleges actively supports the realization of a role for young people in international discussions and decision-making. UWC students are trained, through the academic curriculum of the colleges and extracurriculum activities, to develop enquiring and independent minds and outlooks grounded in an international context. In this spirit, young people would act as representatives for United World Colleges whenever it participates in the work of the Council and the United Nations.

28. ASSOCIATION MAURITANIENNE POUR LE BIEN-ÊTRE ET LE SECOURS DE L'ENFANT ET DE LA MÈRE

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Category requested: Special

Date established: 1994

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 80 individual members and 3 organizational members in one country.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Mauritanian ouguiyas):

Income	
Membership dues	1 035 000
	1 020 600
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	1 163 084
Revenue from contracts, etc.	50 000
Other income	
Contributions from students' parents	1 800 500
Sale of crafts made by cooperatives	2 612 527
Poverty eradication project	325 000
Total	8 006 711

Expenditure	
Investment expenses	770 789
Administration (operation)	3 124 529
Projects (human development)	2 257 551
Other activities	4 275 067
Survey and assessment expenses	711 445
Total	11 139 381

Aims and activities of your organization

The Association mauritanienne pour le bien-être et le secours de l'enfant et de la mère is a not-for-profit, non-governmental development and charitable organization. Its objectives are to eradicate poverty; to integrate female heads-of-household into professional life; to improve families' living conditions; to build awareness among and educate youth; to guarantee a better

future; to build awareness among, educate and train mothers; and to guarantee the rights of children and mothers.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Association intends to participate by helping the Council to fulfil its role properly; helping to improve relations between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations; participating in United Nations meetings on issues related to our objectives; encouraging the Council to consult and integrate non-governmental organizations for development; promoting the role of non-governmental organizations in political, economic and social changes at the national and international levels; and influencing policies and programmes for populations at the national and international levels.

29. COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL POUR LE RESPECT ET L'APPLICATION DE LA CHARTE AFRICAINE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME ET DES PEUPLES

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CH 1211 Genève 20
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4 rue Kouagan
Lomé
Togo

Category requested: General

Date established: 1988

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 1,752 individual members and 17 organizational members in 47 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (Swiss francs):

Income	
Membership dues	1 200.00
Other income	
Sale of publications	50 300.00
Miscellaneous contributions: Fund-raising	15 765.00
Total	67 165.00
Expenditure	
Administration and projects	29 921.85
Other activities	739.00
Total	30 660.85

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Comité International pour le Respect et l'Application de la Charte Africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples (CIRAC) is a non-governmental organization established on 10 June 1988, whose main objective is to contribute to the protection and promotion of human rights by promoting knowledge of, compliance with and the implementation of international and regional human rights instruments such as the International Bill of Human Rights and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

CIRAC attempts to achieve this goal through, inter alia, the organization of human rights training seminars and the publication of works and cooperation with other organizations working for the defence of human rights, a sine qua non of world peace.

By thus mobilizing African and international public opinion and by disseminating the humanitarian principles and ideals proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations and in international human rights instruments, CIRAC will undoubtedly help to strengthen the activities and visibility of the Economic and Social Council in the field of human rights and in the pursuit of social progress and peace in Africa and the rest of the world.

30. FELEGE GUIHON INTERNATIONAL

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CH-1203 Geneva
Switzerland

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1211 Geneva 4
Switzerland

Category requested: General

Date established: 1991

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 146 individual members in 20 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998/1999 (Swiss francs):

Income	
Membership dues	56 000
Other income	122 200
Total	178 200
Expenditure	
Administration	66 600
Projects	89 600
Other activities	22 000
Total	178 200

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Objectives

FGI supports social and human development, cultural and ecological restoration and measures to maintain the health of populations living near the sources of the Nile and in the countries through which the major African rivers flow. Its objectives are as follows:

(a) Environment - to protect the sources of the major African rivers, particularly those of the Pharaonic Nile;

(b) Social issues - to combat intolerance and uphold the rights of peoples who have been stigmatized and are victims of religious segregation, such as the

Orit* Semites who inhabit the Horn of Africa; to combat genocide in Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda; and to promote the integration of the Ibos in Nigeria;

(c) Health - to improve wellness and prevent disease through a healthy diet, traditional medicine, a healthy lifestyle and sports.

Activities

1. Environment

- Since 1998, it has provided assistance for the settlement of nomads in the Karamoja region of Uganda.

- Since 1999, it has participated in a waste treatment programme for the city of Kampala in order to protect the groundwater sources of the Nile.

2. Social

- 1994 - organization of a seminar in Washington for the rights of the Orit peoples of Ethiopia.

- 1996 - seminar at the University of Nuremberg on resistance, stigma and immigration of the Falashas (Ethiopian Jews).

- May 1997 - seminar in Philadelphia on combating genocide.

- 1998 - organization of an international conference in Belgium on genocide.

- October 1999 - seminar on the integration of the Ibos people in the post-Biafra period.

3. Health

- In Uganda and Nigeria, we are working on a project to build a clinic.

- In Nigeria and the Great Lakes region, we trained groups to play sports.

4. Economic

- Since January 2000, FGI has been cooperating actively with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to eradicate poverty.

Projects

FGI would contribute to the work of the Council in the following areas:

- post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction in Nigeria, Uganda and Rwanda.

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* Orit means Old Testament in Amharic.

- diet and nutrition through education on organic foods;

- communication and information through the establishment of information technology schools;

- water resources through the distribution of drinking water in Uganda;

- the protection of indigenous peoples;

- social integration, protection and security of the Great Lakes populations in Africa;

- health, through the establishment of mobile outpatient clinics in Africa;

- poverty eradication, through close cooperation with the UNDP office;

- development financing, through the search for donors for social reintegration projects.

FGI would cooperate with the aim of providing support in the four main areas of the Council's work: environmental, social, health and economic issues.

31. INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE EARTH

Address: P.O. Box 194
Cross River, NY 10518
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 23 June 1992

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 1,500 individual members and five organizational members in 16 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars):

Income

Balance, 1998	16 192.61
Individual contributions	2 525.00
Other	
Pleiades Fund	30 000.00
Sokoni (Africa) Project	27 600.00
Sales	470.00
Green Belt Fund	365.00
Total	60 960.00

Expenditure

Administration	28 000.00
Projects	40 593.43
Other activities	3 443.16
Total	72 026.69

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

International Communities for the Renewal of the Earth (ICRE) has as its aim the creation and support of local groups of people dedicated to the vision of renewing the Earth by living out articulated principles, ethics and programmes for a sustainable human lifestyle.

Begun as an interfaith effort to support religious involvement in the Earth Summit in 1992 (UNCED), ICRE was responsible for developing a spir'tual Earth charter which reflected the striving of the religious communities of five continents towards an understanding of the crucial importance of working to preserve the planet.

Continuing its relationship with the religious community, specifically through its work with the Interfaith Partnership on the Environment at UNEP,

ICRE has expanded the dialogue to include a variety of professions and grass-roots organizations in heightening awareness on the central issue of sustainable development. This expansion has reached as far as Kenya where ICRE collaborates with the Green Belt Movement in the area of women's development and empowerment, and Ireland where ICRE offers leadership skills and partnership-building competencies in a changing society.

Already committed to the work of the Council in building awareness about and competencies that can address the social implications of a weakened environment, ICRE plans to expand through its consulting role to the Council its impact on the professions, institutions and grass-roots organizations of the United States and Europe through a process of cultural immersion and continuing dialogue in programmes such as the Africa Project and the Irish initiative.

Through its newsletters, publications, its support of the UNEP republication of Only One Earth, and the development of new partnerships with similar organizations, ICRE plans to deepen and widen its network of men and women from a variety of races, ethnic backgrounds and ages who are committed to speaking on behalf of the preservation of the environment and human culture and of the human beings who are currently victims of unsustainable consumerism.

32. PIONEER PEOPLE TRUST

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Category requested: Special

Date established: 31 March 1973

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 450 individual members in five countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1997/1998 (pounds sterling):

Income	
Donations and gifts	359 000
Other	154 000
Total	513 000
Expenditure	
Administration	20 000
Projects	331 000
Other activities	150 000
Total	501 000

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Pioneer People Trust stands within the historic, orthodox Christian tradition but endeavours to present the Christian message at all levels in culturally relevant ways. The main aims of the Trust are:

(a) The worship of God. The relationship that members have to God empowers them to see all people as made with a likeness to God. This helps them to relate in a selfless way to serve and care for others, without restriction to race, creed, language, sexual orientation, or social status. In addition to a vibrant musical life in the church, the worship of God is expressed in practical and material ways to bring the justice and care of God to all. Other settings for worship vary from home groups to large stadium events with up to 45,000;

(b) The instruction and edification of Christians. This aim includes the encouragement of members to be proactively involved in worldwide social issues of justice, morality, ethics and conflict resolution. From children to the retired, leadership and life-skills training courses, conferences, seminars and workshops are carried out on a variety of issues;

(c) The care and Christian instruction of young people and children. This includes providing care workers in schools and supporting educational initiatives in religious, personal, social and moral education, and the development of education, including human rights and social justice issues. Based upon the members' relationship with God, the organization seeks to bring hope, care, and justice to all, irrespective of their background;

(d) The evangelization of non-Christians, by modelling a caring lifestyle, to help people develop a personal knowledge of God in a way which is culturally relevant, with respect for their background;

(e) The relief of poverty and sickness, by helping people to find a way out of poverty through partnership, education and life-skill training, and providing basic aid; by caring for the sick. The Trust is responsible for an aid project to a children's home and school in Romania, with resident key workers. The Trust also operates a homeless project in the United Kingdom for young men. It also supports various projects, including health and education in development contexts;

(f) The advancement of the Christian faith generally, by working at local, national and international levels to bring a Christian perspective to the lead elements of society, promoting care for the disadvantaged, justice for the oppressed, and understanding between people of different traditions and cultures. The Trust is currently active internationally in Africa, Romania, Hungary, Japan, and the United Republic of Tanzania. During the past year there were visits made to Mexico, India, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, France, the United States and Slovakia to provide education, training and support to partner churches and organizations.

Pioneer People Trust would participate in the work of the Council by providing consultation, written contributions, reports, conference participation, committee representation and advice on international economic, social, cultural, educational, health, human rights, fundamental freedoms and related issues.

33. TEBTEBBA FOUNDATION – INDIGENOUS PEOPLES INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

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Category requested: General

Date established: 11 September 1996

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 17 individual members in 8 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (Philippine pesos):

Income	
Contributions from non-governmental organizations	5 162 846.40
Other income	2 333 291.59
Total	7 496 137.99
Expenditure	
Administration	2 153 937.26
Projects	1 781 383.03
Other activities	2 192 801.57
Total	6 128 121.86

Aims and activities of your organization

Tebtebba Foundation, the Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education, was established in 1996 within the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (1995-2004). Tebtebba, meaning "discourse" in the Philippine indigenous Kankanaey dialect, is firmly committed to the recognition, protection and promotion of indigenous peoples' rights worldwide.

It strives to help build the capacity of indigenous peoples in undertaking advocacy, education and campaign work in the national and international arenas. As a policy research centre for indigenous peoples, Tebtebba Foundation seeks to undertake research and documentation on key concerns of indigenous peoples. It helps process that information for dissemination to key indigenous peoples' organizations. Furthermore, Tebtebba aims to help in capacity-building through education and training sessions.

Tebtebba Foundation is therefore active in lobbying and networking to help ensure the passage of the draft declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples, as adopted by the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of the Commission on Human Rights. Tebtebba is also involved in lobbying for the adoption by the General Assembly of a permanent forum for indigenous peoples. The Commission on Human Rights has established an ad hoc working group to elaborate and consider proposals for the establishment of such a forum.

Since its inception in 1996, Tebtebba Foundation has been active in the United Nations, specifically in the Council. Its advocacy and lobbying continue to be focused on - but are not limited to - the following United Nations bodies: the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, the Commission on Human Rights Inter-sessional Open-ended Working Group to Elaborate a Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations and the United Nations Voluntary Fund for the World Decade of Indigenous People; the Commission on Sustainable Development; the Convention on Biological Diversity; and the World Trade Organization.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Tebtebba Foundation would continue its lobbying and advocacy in the above-stated bodies as well as in other United Nations bodies. It would continue to attend and actively participate in conferences, meetings and other activities of those bodies as it strives to help ensure that the presence and active participation of indigenous peoples is sustained and enhanced.

34. VÄESTÖLIITTO – FAMILY FEDERATION OF FINLAND

Address: P.O. Box 849
00101 Helsinki
Finland

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 20 March 1941

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 26 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (Finnish markkaa):

Income

Membership dues	7 050
Contributions from Governments	1 053 896
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	12 005 620
Revenue from contracts etc.	963 449
Other income	29 788 652
Total	43 818 667

Expenditure

Administration	4 531 072
Projects	36 913 341
Other activities	2 689 614
Total	44 134 027

Aims and activities of your organization

Väestöliitto, the Family Federation of Finland, is a non-governmental organization devoted to the welfare of individuals, families and children. Its objective is a balanced population throughout the world. Väestöliitto carries out advocacy work and provides services.

Väestöliitto maintains its own Population Research Institute, which carries out research on population, families and sexual behaviour; runs a demographic library and provides databased online information service. Its Sexual Health Clinic promote sexual health and rights by providing information and education, developing and providing sexual health services, paying special attention to adolescents. It also carries out clinical contraceptive research and offers psychologists' services and counselling to families with children. Väestöliitto maintains three infertility clinics in Finland, which examine and treat involuntarily childless couples. The Department of Medical Genetics provides genetic counselling consultative aid, lectures and information to physicians, medical personnel and clients. The Child Care Service provides temporary

childcare for families. Väestöliitto also produces materials on sexuality education and human relationships as well as global population issues.

Väestöliitto does advocacy work to raise the awareness of decision makers and the media on the importance of giving priority to population and sexual health programmes in overseas development cooperation.

Väestöliitto is currently involved in three overseas development projects in the field of sexual and reproductive health: a contraceptive social marketing project in Viet Nam, prevention of HIV/AIDS in Mexico, and strengthening sexual health, family planning and STD-prevention in rural Malawi.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Väestöliitto would continue and intensify its cooperation with UNFPA. It is also willing to participate in other United Nations activities within its field of action by doing advocacy work and by networking with other non-governmental organizations. Väestöliitto is eager to receive United Nations information and materials within its field of action and will circulate its own materials.

35. WORLD COUNCIL FOR PSYCHOTHERAPY

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Category requested: General

Date established: 13 March 1996

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 265 individual members and 91 organizational members in 59 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars):

Income

Membership dues	10 200
Contributions from Governments	250 000
Contracts	140 000
Other sources	785 000
Total	1 185 200

Expenditure

Administration	49 000
Projects	1 185 200
Total	1 234 200

Aims and activities of your organization

The main aims and activities of the organization are:

(a) To offer and provide psychotherapy experts worldwide;

(b) To cooperate with national and international organizations in peacekeeping and conflict management;

(c) To support all efforts to maintain human rights;

(d) To develop a worldwide network on all psychotherapeutic issues;

(e) To consult authorities in different countries on issues concerning the emotional/psychic sphere of individuals and groups;

(f) To unite all psychotherapists, psychotherapeutic institutes with their different school orientation, psychotherapeutic researchers and their institutes, and their national and international organizations;

(g) Organization of the World Congress for Psychotherapy (every three years);

(h) Organization of local congresses for psychotherapy;

(i) Close cooperation with the European Commission regarding the practice of psychotherapy in the European Union;

(j) Provision of ethical guidelines;

(k) An Internet homepage with general information on psychotherapy;

(l) Active support of educational projects;

(m) Support of research projects.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The WCP would participate in the work of the Council by establishing a network with the Council, organizing an exchange of experts, developing projects, and attending international meetings.

36. CENTRE AFRICAIN DE RECHERCHE INDUSTRIELLE

Address: B.P. 16513 Kinshasa 1
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Electronic mail address: c/o UNDP-Kinshasa

Category requested: General

Date established: 17 April 1992

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 45 individual members and 45 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	18 000
Revenue from contracts	28 000
Other income	31 000
Total	77 000
Expenditure	
Administration	25 000
Projects	41 000
Other activities	8 000
Total	74 000

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The aim of the Centre africain de recherche industrielle is to put science and technology at the service of development so that African leaders may not resort to an approach based on guesswork and intuition in order to resolve the continent's development problems. The Centre is involved in the areas of social science as well as natural and applied science, including through: the office of metrology in each African country; the Institut congolais d'entrepreneuriat (Congolese Institute of Entrepreneurship); the Institut panafricain de hautes études industrielles (Pan African Institute of Advanced Industrial Studies); the Pan African Institute of Oceanography; the national council on ethics and good governance; and a survey on the management of public health systems in Africa.

All the foregoing activities clearly show that the Centre will be a resource body for the Council, especially as far as issues pertaining to Africa's development are concerned, to the extent that they can be resolved through science. The Centre, with its wealth of field experience and knowledge, will be an invaluable source of advice on African development.

37. DOMINICANS FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE – ORDER OF PREACHERS

Address: 4-6 ave Louis Aubert, P.O. Box 97
CH-1211 Geneva 25
Switzerland

Category requested: General

Date established: 9 June 1998

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 14 individual members in 12 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars):

Income	
Other income: grant	35 374
Total	35 374
Expenditure	
Administration	26 089.48
Other activities	12 000.00
Total	38 089.48

Aims and objectives of your organization

The aims and objectives of the Dominicans for Justice and Peace (Order of Preachers) are:

(a) To support the work and activities of the International Commission of Justice and Peace of the Order of Preachers and in other international organizations;

(b) To promote training and education and other activities in justice and peace;

(c) To raise awareness worldwide of issues which fall under the purview of the Council such as the rights of minorities, religious freedom, peace, women's rights, children's rights, the right to development and the rights of indigenous peoples;

(d) To work collaboratively with other non-governmental organizations involved in justice and peace, and human rights issues at the United Nations.

In its initial year (1998) Dominicans for Justice and Peace (Order of Preachers) focused on establishing its office in Geneva. However, it did carry

out research work and published and distributed newsletters and reports on the activities of the United Nations.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Our organization would participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by promoting the role of the United Nations and its relevant instruments and bodies involved in the protection and promotion of human rights. We would provide information to our members and sponsor training and workshops on the role which the United Nations can play in advancing the cause of justice and human rights.

Through our permanent office in Geneva we would follow Council-related issues and participate in meetings of United Nations bodies such as the Commission on Human Rights, the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, the Third Committee of the General Assembly, the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Individual members of Dominicans for Justice and Peace are involved in promotional activities related to the United Nations in their respective regions. They give presentations and workshops on the United Nations and the Council in a number of countries. Individual members acting on behalf of the organization publish articles and give interviews to the media in Geneva and in their respective countries on the activities and issues raised at the United Nations.

38. INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT LAW

Address: 733 15th Street NW
Suite 420
Washington, D.C. 20005
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 15 October 1992

Membership: ICNL is neither a membership organization nor an association. It is an independent, self-governing, voluntary, non-profit corporation.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars):

Income	
Contributions from Governments	942 876
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	189 828
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	123 195
Revenue from contracts etc.	9 943
Other income	7 447
Total	1 273 289
Expenditure	
Administration	346 156
Projects	982 743
Total	1 328 899

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The International Center for Not-for-profit Law (ICNL) is an international organization that facilitates and supports the development of civil society. Its purpose is to assist the creation and improvement of laws and regulatory systems that permit, encourage, and regulate voluntary, independent, not-for-profit organizations in countries around the world.

ICNL is engaged in a variety of activities that respond to local needs for the improvement of legal and fiscal enabling environments. In developing a country's institutional capacity to promote and sustain a sound legal environment for civil society, ICNL seeks to establish sound laws and regulations, train and educate lawyers and government officials to understand the sector of not-for-profit organizations, and make it better educated and better organized.

For example, in Central and Eastern Europe, ICNL's technical and legal assistance for the creation of an appropriate not-for-profit legal/fiscal framework has resulted in the development of sound laws governing registration, rights of founders/members, reporting requirements, dissolution, and tax benefits. In responding to the need to increase local capacity through education, research and training, ICNL has developed law school seminar materials that teach local lawyers how to represent not-for-profit organizations and resolve disputes with local authorities.

In the newly independent States, ICNL has produced English and Russian language reports on the legal structure of the not-for-profit sector, funded consultancies in Armenia and Georgia, trained not-for-profit organization leaders from Central Asian Republics, provided technical assistance to legal experts in Moldova, and assisted the Ministry of Justice in Uzbekistan in drafting a new not-for-profit organization law. In the Middle East, ICNL has assisted in the development of new laws governing not-for-profit organizations in the West Bank and Gaza, and Yemen under a contract with the World Bank, and in Egypt under a contract with USAID.

ICNL has actively participated in international organizations and conferences and has published materials on the legal, regulatory, and fiscal framework for the global development of civil society, including handbooks on international standards, principles and best practices for not-for-profit organization laws around the world.

ICNL is interested in participating in the work of the Council particularly as it relates to civil society and participatory economic and social development. ICNL is the only organization that works globally to strengthen the freedom of association by helping to create and improve laws and regulatory systems that permit and encourage civil society, promote self-sustainability for non-governmental organizations, and facilitates the full participation of non-governmental organizations in social and economic development.

39. KYRGYZ COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Address: Ivanitsin str. 123, apt. 87
720011,
Bishkek
Kyrgyzstan

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 20 June 1996

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 400 individual members and 10 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars):

Income

Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	99 383
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	25 000
Total	124 383

Expenditure

Administration	17 280
Projects	107 103
Total	124 383

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The following programmes are just a part of the work of the Kyrgyz Committee for Human Rights (KCHR):

(a) Programmes against torture. The project against torture has been carried out since 1998. By executing this project the Committee intends to raise citizens' awareness of their general rights and rights pertaining to instruments against torture; to inform international human rights organizations on the situation in penitentiary facilities of Kyrgyzstan and specific cases of torture and maltreatment of convicts and detainees; to collect statistical data on violations of rights of convicts and detainees in Kyrgyzstan; and to urge Kyrgyz authorities to take measures to eliminate mistreatment against persons deprived of their freedom.

(b) Legal assistance. Five legal experts and coordinators in the Bishkek office and in the regional divisions of KCHR receive complaints from citizens whose human rights were violated, provide consultations and represent them in courts free of charge. In 1998, 2,133 citizens turned to KCHR; 196 cases were brought to court, 119 cases were won. KCHR pays special attention to accounts

of human rights violations against outspoken political opponents, independent journalists, and media outlets.

(c) Education. In 1998 KCHR conducted nine seminars and workshops dedicated to human rights issues. The seminars are remarkable for the involvement of professors, teachers, human rights activists and non-governmental organization leaders. They deliver lectures on various internacional human rights instruments and specific human rights issues. Discussions are devoted to issues of fair elections and electoral rights. Seminar participants are urged to take part in upcoming elections as independent observers to ensure that no forgery or other violations of electoral rights take place. Last year 24 participants of these seminars acted as members of polling commissions and 48 as independent observers during by-elections. KCHR prepared a report on these elections which was published in Civil Society, a newsletter of the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights.

(d) In 1998 educational seminars were held in various plants and factories where over 2,000 people received information on the privatization process and its impact on human rights.

(e) Monitoring elections. KCHR monitors elections and referendums in Kyrgyzstan. In 1998 KCHR provided more than 100 observers for a referendum on amending and supplementing the Constitution of Kyrgyzstan. It reported an increased number of violations of the freedoms of association and of expression. Basing on KCHR reports, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch sent their protests against human rights violations to the chief authorities of Kyrgyzstan.

(f) Lobbying and legislative initiatives. KCHR participates in draft-law discussions in the Kyrgyz Parliament and actively offers its suggestions on laws that ensure human rights observance. KCHR also writes letters of protest against laws that allow human rights abuses, and suggests remedies for correcting the law. In 1998 several laws were amended as a result of KCHR's activities. The Committee made suggestions to the new Criminal Procedure Code and to the new Election Code.

(g) Establishing and reinforcing other non-governmental organizations. Two non-governmental organizations were established with the help of KCHR in 1998 – Adam Ukuqu (Human Rights) and Teqizchil. Both organizations tackle various aspects of human rights. Teqizchil works in the area of women's rights. The Public Association for Social Protection of Population, established by KCHR in 1997, successfully continues to work for the social and human rights of elderly people. Its contribution to amending the old Law on Pensions was crucial.

40. WORLD ANIMAL NET

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Category requested: Special

Date established: 27 January 1997

Membership: The organization is an international non-profit organization with 1,142 organizational members in 75 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars):

Income	
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	7 284.26
Other sources	1 127.58
Total	8 411.84
Expenditure	
Administration	2 876.54
Projects	3 847.50
Total	6 724.04

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

World Animal Net (WAN) is the world's largest association of animal protection organizations, with 1,142 affiliated societies in 75 countries and offices in the United Kingdom and the United States of America. World Animal Net is not affiliated with any non-governmental organization.

World Animal Net provides a network for communication and exchange for the international animal protection community. It works as a clearing house for any information or resources of interest or utility to animal groups internationally.

It has an authoritative web site (http://worldanimal.net) which includes a directory with close to 10,000 animal groups in over 130 countries and serves as a resource for the animal protection community, with extensive sections on

animal protection law, animal welfare science and background information on global animal protection issues.

World Animal Net also has subject-specific e-mail news and resource lists on the use of animals in experiments; animals in entertainment; animals used for fur; farm animals; and a general list for WAN contacts with affiliate societies.

Future major World Animal Net projects include expansion of animal protection legislation resources, an animal welfare science database, and increased communication to affiliates on global regulatory issues, legislation and conventions.

World Animal Net would welcome the opportunity to participate in all areas of United Nations work connected to animal ethics and/or animal protection. The aims of World Animal Net relate to the work of the following bodies: Commission on Sustainable Development; World Trade Organization; United Nations Environment Programme; International Fund for Agricultural Development; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; and World Health Organization.

World Animal Net would send representatives to attend all meetings relating to matters that could have animal protection implications. World Animal Net would welcome the opportunity to contribute international expertise to United Nations deliberations, and to disseminate all relevant United Nations information to animal protection organizations worldwide.

World Animal Net would also be willing to undertake special studies/ investigations for the United Nations on any aspect of animal protection concern/activity.

41. AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS

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Category requested: Special

Date established: 14 October 1911

Membership: The organization is a national organization with 32,600 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	3 010 497
Other income	5 298 756
Total	8 309 253
Expenditure	
Administration	254 254
Projects	3 494 770
Other activities	4 631 141
Total	8 380 165

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) was founded in 1911 to protect people, property, and the environment. Due to this almost 90-year commitment, ASSE is dedicated to working with the Economic and Social Council to help put into effect article(s) 55 (a) and (b) of the United Nations Charter. ASSE activities correspond directly with the direction and intent of United Nations activities. ASSE past participation with initiatives directed towards chemical safety and environmental protection are consistent with the May 1994 Council report on toxic chemicals and hazardous wastes.

ASSE has played a key role in the development of many important safety and health programmes and standards. Society members have served on numerous committees, supported key safety and health legislation/regulation, and sponsored safety awareness and professional development activities. Many of its activities address international issues such as the International Chemical Harmonization Project and Statement of Cooperation for the United States/Mexico Border Cooperation Commission. ASSE believes it can provide significant assistance to the United Nations in enhancing occupational safety and health on a worldwide basis.

ASSE has an extensive network of contacts in the private and public sector. It is probably unsurpassed in its access to technological information and materials relating to occupational safety and health and environmental management. Since ASSE positions are based on good science and sound technology, the Economic and Social Council could use its materials and publications with confidence. Finally with its significant resources and large membership, ASSE is in a position to provide long-term assistance to the direction of occupational safety and health and environmental management on an international basis.

42. BENEVOLENT COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

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South West Province
Cameroon
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Category requested: Special

Date established: 28 September 1993

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 7,871 individual members and 257 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (CFA francs)

Income

Membership dues	5 672 120
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	26 014 600
Revenue from contracts, etc.	2 330 105
Other income	66 019 490
Total	100 036 323

Expenditure

Administration	49 266 923
Projects	42 407 030
Other activities	7 318 720
Total	98 992 673

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Benevolent Community Education and Rural Development Society aims to reduce as far as possible, the adverse effects of economic crisis and structural reforms on the rural poorest of the poor by improving their living conditions, setting up rural development funds, producing basic foodstuff, education and training, environmental protection, and education on drug abuse problems, establishing social services, kiosks and shops and eliminating rural exodus.

Its activities are principally concerned with:

(a) Education of the rural population and formation of women's unions (associations) to execute development activities;

(b) Restructuring of existing unions (associations) and identifying their needs, providing consultancy to women's unions and acting as their information clearing-houses in Cameroon;

(c) Providing micro-savings mobilization for rural women's unions and delivering microcredits for the development of women's microenterprises and income-generating activities;

(d) Providing the poor with lifelong skills through technical and managerial training on all sorts of income-generating activities;

(e) Initiating the poor into modern methods of agricultural development, livestock development, tourist activities and distributive trade;

(f) Executing programmes on environmental issues such as soil conservation, with the use of agroforestry trees, bee-keeping activities and development of alternative systems of wildlife protection in species and population. One of its major activities is education of the population and prevention of desertification in dry land areas of Cameroon;

(g) Encouraging responsible parenthood with an emphasis on family life education, education on human sexuality and community life education.

The society would participate in the work of the Council by active participation in conferences, seminars, information dissemination, preparation of written statements, assistance in project studies and implementation, participation in various consultations, poverty and hunger alleviation projects, and collaboration and networking with the Council's subsidiary bodies.

43. NON-ALIGNED STUDENTS AND YOUTH ORGANIZATION

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Baghdad, Adhamia
Iraq

Postal address: P.O. Box 4105
Baghdad
Iraq

Category requested: General

Date established: 30 April 1993

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 101 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	93 200
Other income	29 065
Total	122 265
Expenditure	
Administration	39 388
Projects	70 362
Other activities	23 500
Total	133 250

Aims and activities of your organization

The aims of the Non-Aligned Students and Youth Organization (NASYO) are to assist in strengthening and disseminating the aims and objectives of the United Nations and the non-aligned movement, cooperating with the specialized agencies; working and striving for a better system of world education to enable everyone, without any sort of obstacle, to have a proper education from pre-primary to higher studies; and militating for student rights.

NASYO works with students and youth to achieve the aims and ideals of universality, national liberation, political, economic, social and cultural justice, total equality among nations, solidarity, democracy, national sovereignty and development for peace, security, disarmament and denuclearization, elimination of biological weapons and all weapons of mass destruction, for the widest cooperation between nations and peoples and against all sorts of malpractice, repression and oppression. Believing in the non-aligned conception for a free world democratic society, NASYO works and cooperates with any international, regional and national organization or agency whose aims and objectives are related to civil rights, development, progress, social justice or any other NASYO field of interest.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

NASYO intends to participate in the work of the Council by sharing Council aims and ideals, distributing information on the Council to NASYO members and to those concerned at large, participating and responding to Council activities and events, organizing joint programmes with the Council and other United Nations bodies, mobilizing NASYO member organizations to participate in Council activities.

44. PARTAGE

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Category requested: General

Date established: 22 March 1976

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 21 organization members in 11 countries.

Summary of financial statement for the year 1999 (French francs)

Income

Membership dues	950 000
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	31 131 470
Revenue from contracts	16 968 857
Other income	7 238 682
Total	56 289 009

Expenditure

Administration	10 611 499
Projects	38 270 273
Other activities	7 044 682
Total	55 926 454

Aims and activities of your organization

Beyond the figures, the association "Partage avec les Enfants du Monde" (Sharing with the Children of the World) represents a formidable fabric of human solidarity that has developed:

(a) Between sponsor and child, through genuine individual relationships, rich in shared emotions of the years,

(b) Between the association and its committed and devoted local partners in all the countries in which it operates.

The material support provided thanks to the association's donors has undoubtedly saved tens of thousands of human lives; moreover, it has helped create simple but very important ties between very different countries and

cultures; these ties help the richest among us to share the best of themselves and demonstrate that united communities do exist.

More importantly, in addition to dealing with the immediate emergency, Partage helps ensure that children get an education and care that will enable them to grow up to become responsible men and women, genuine agents of development in their own countries. Partage has no standard programme; we work with our partners according to their needs and according to the context. Serving children is what unites us. The diversity of means of action constitutes our wealth. Listening to what people ask of us is our wish.

We start with a study and intuition; we then try to verify the merits of our project objectively, by evaluating it rigorously. We gradually set up, together with our local partners, evaluation methods suited to each programme so as to continually improve our work.

When Partage is involved it enters into a long-term commitment until the child is able to live in dignity by himself. That is why the formula of sponsorship seemed to us the only one that would allow us to engage in regular and sustained action over a period of several years; this does not rule out the possibility of limited action in cases where the need is especially pressing (Croatia, Rwanda, Honduras).

Sponsorships cover all the long-term needs of the child sponsored; Partage assumes responsibility for all the child's needs, under six priority headings: nutrition, education, medical care, housing, rights of the child, community development.

Our aim is to enable the child to grow up into a happy, well-balanced and productive adult. We try to help transform the overall potential of each child into ability and then competence.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

We will participate actively in the meeting of non-governmental organizations in Seoul and in that of civil society in Montreal. We are also closely involved in the preparation and activities of the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (A/RES/53/25). We will continue to support the implementation of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child with the non-governmental organizations of many countries and UNICEF, the protection of children in situations of armed conflict with the relevant United Nations agencies. We would like to do whatever we can to support the United Nations in its efforts to build a lasting peace.

45. A CENTRE FOR THE WORLD RELIGIONS

Address: Sagestr. 37
D-79737 Herrischried
Germany

Category requested: Special

Date established: 13 October 1985

Membership: The organization is international, with 2,800 individual members and 20 organization members in 10 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (deutsche marks)

Income

Membership fees	280 000
Contracts	1 203 770
Other sources (donations, publishing company, exhibitions, fairs, cultural events)	2 177 564
Total	3 661 334

Expenditure

Administration	98 730
Projects	1 355 975
Other (lecture/meditations, seminars, conference, workshops and publications)	2 206 630
Total	3 661 334

Aims and activities of the organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

A Centre for the World Religions (ACWR) is an interfaith forum and study institution that promotes international understanding and cooperation among the world's diverse faiths and cultures, in a way that helps resolve social/religious conflicts and issues:

(a) The universal brotherhood: scriptural research, seminars, conferences and publications promote a culture of peace that will enable ACWR to provide valuable consultation with the Council towards reducing regional conflicts and wars that are based on religious and cultural differences;

(b) Global spirituality: meditation instruction and practice acts as a training ground for interfaith peacemaking, and a resource for United Nations-related peace initiatives;

(c) Love in action: self-help food, clothing and shelter initiatives provide models of how to spur sustainable development without tying it to acceptance of particular religious beliefs or requirements that lead to exploitation and dependence;

(d) Love in spirit: disarmament proposals and fund redistribution towards education (schools), health care (hospitals) and environmental programmes are model approaches to global peace through coordinating the kinds of efforts initiated by United Nations agencies such as the Institute for Disarmament Research, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

(e) Sharing religious culture: exchange programmes and festivities provide models that support the efforts of the United Nations to cultivate a culture of peace. ACWR emphasizes a core of spiritual treasures shared by the world's religious traditions, enhances mutual acceptance of different cultural expressions and puts cultural diversity into perspective.

46. COOPERATION IRELAND

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Suite 757
New York, NY 10165
United States of America

Category requested: General

Date established: 1979

Membership: Not a membership organization.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (pounds Sterling)

Income	
Contributions from Governments	391 690
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	255 450
Other sources	1 055 860
Total	1 703 000
Expenditure	
Administration	204 050
Projects	1 650 950
Total	1 855 000

Aims and activities of the organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Cooperation Ireland is the only non-governmental, cross-border, cross-community organization promoting relationship-building between the people of the north and south of Ireland.

Cooperation Ireland is a non-political voluntary organization that was founded in Ireland in 1979 to promote improved relations between the people of the United Kingdom fo Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Our mission is to advance mutual understanding and respect by

promoting practical programmes of cooperation between diverse communities and organizations on the island of Ireland.

Through a managed process of reciprocal exchanges, which have been adapted and refined over 20 years, more than 20,000 people have been brought together annually to explore issues in a "safe" environment and to develop mutual understanding and respect for those of another identity. These participants, many of whom are crossing the border for the first time, are given concrete and focused opportunities to meet on a face-to-face basis. Programme activity targets young people, community groups, small to medium-sized enterprises, tourism, agriculture, politicians and the media.

In more recent years we have pooled our programme models and expertise with other international organizations, in particular through the World Economic Forum and its transition to peace initiative which involves regional leader groups in South Africa, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel/Palestine and Ireland. Cooperation Ireland is the coordinating body in Ireland for this initiative, which seeks to harness the pro bona support of the private sector in order to complement and enhance the political peace process.

In these and other respects, the purpose of the organization is in keeping with article 1.3 of the Charter of the United Nations, and in particular with articles 62.1 and 62.2 thereof.

Because of the continuing peace process in Ireland and the new political reality which is coming into being, there is an increasing interest in our work from outside Ireland. Accordingly, we are anxious to achieve consultative status as a non-governmental organization with the United Nations, which we believe is the most credible and effective mechanism to pool resources with the international community.

Since 1979 Cooperation Ireland has built up a pool of expertise on how to build practical peace and a stable and just society. We have been able to do this because we organize and manage our own programmes in the areas of youth, education, community and economic development. We take the lessons from the peace-building work that we do in these diverse areas and use this learning to improve programme activity. Each year we engage over 20,000 people in our programmes.

By constantly improving what we do we become more effective in building peace and can assist other voluntary and community groups, both national and international, in their endeavours. We are particularly interested in the role that women can play in peace-building and human rights work. Through its cross-border community development programme, Cooperation Ireland actively supports and encourages capacity-building for women's groups which are engaged in this vital work.

Accordingly, we believe that our views and practical experience could assist the Council in its critical mission as outlined in the Charter of the United Nations.

47. ELIZABETH SETON FEDERATION

Address: 6301 Riverdale Avenue
Bronx, New York 10471
United States of America

Category requested: General

Date established: 1947; incorporated in 1995

Membership: The Elizabeth Seton Federation is an international organization, with 6,600 individual members and 19 organization members in 28 countries.

Income and expenditure, 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Balance from 1998	6 070.47
Membership dues ($200 per leadership person)	12 800.00
Other sources:	
Registration fees for annual Federation meeting	5 050.00
Congregations support for special publication project (Shared Vision)	10 711.00
Registration for special heritage study workshops (Seton Legacy)	912.13
Total	35 543.60
Expenditure	
Administration	
Printing	538.27
Postage	664.16
Phone	150.00
Meeting materials	616.25
Travel	2 746.05
Meetings	
Hospitality: Executive Committee	100.00
Expenses of annual meeting	10 931.70
Project: Elizabeth A. Seton publication project	10 000.00
Total	25 746.43
Cash balance	9 797.17

In the past five years, the Elizabeth Seton Federation has not received any contribution, in money or in kind, from any Government or from an intergovernmental source either directly or indirectly.

Claiming our future as women of faith, we are bonded by the charisma of charity; impelled to respond to needs of our day, especially among the poor;

committed to collaboration. The Elizabeth Seton Federation was formed to strengthen the bond of union among congregations of Sisters of Charity in order to support and promote their work for the poor. Inspired by the spirit of their respective founders, the Sisters work for the alleviation and elimination of all forms of poverty – economic, educational, emotional and spiritual. We believe the roots of poverty erupt from many and diverse sources, and so labour with the poor must of necessity include the establishment of peace; promotion of human rights, sustainable development, social and economic development, intercultural and interfaith understanding. To ensure success, development projects must include the decision-making participation of those expected to benefit from those projects. For this reason the Sisters work not only for (in behalf of) the poor, but with the poor, including patients, clients and students in planning processes.

The Federation pursues its goals through the establishment, administration and staffing of more than 400 institutes and centres, and through numerous programmes, workshops, projects and publications. These include, but are not limited to, educational institutions, health centres, social service centres, environmental projects, advocacy and lobbying. In addition, the member organizations of the Federation provide scholarships, grants, contributed services and personnel for a wide range of projects in peace education, human rights, sustainable development, economic and social development, women and child issues, the disabled, refugees and disaster relief.

The members of the Federation intend to continue their endeavours in education, health, social services, peace and environmental responsibility. They will engage in and initiate further projects related to human rights, refugees, development and sustainable development. They will continue to publicize and support the priorities of the Council through publications, projects and workshops in collaboration with Council agencies and other non-governmental organizations. The Federation will cooperate with other non-governmental organizations to generate initiatives towards the full implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action for the World Summit for Social Development.

If granted consultative status, the Federation would continue to advocate for the establishment of global and regional economic policies that are in conformity with United Nations treaty obligations, respect for human rights, and environmental responsibility (e.g., continued action with the Jubilee 2000 campaign). The Federation would press for compatibility between human rights and the activities of transnational corporations, while promoting and supporting human values in all sectors of society. With additional accredited representatives, we would be able to assume active membership in additional non-governmental organization committees (peace, human rights and sustainable development committees) and to increase our participation in commission meetings. Through close communication with Federation members (educators, social workers, environmentalists, health-care workers, community organizers, etc.) in 28 countries, we will contribute examples of best practices, monitor the progress of social and economic development and support the activities of United Nations agencies.

48. FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL

Address: 801 G Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
United States of America

Category requested: General

Date established: 13 October 1992

Membership: The organization is a national organization with 509,045 individual members, and 57,731 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for the year ended September 1998
(United States dollars)

Income	14 618 789
Expenditure	
Administration	1 969 010
Projects	11 696 980
Other activities: fund-raising	853 612
Total	14 499 602

Aims and activities of the organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Family Research Council (FRC) is a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization operating under the provision of section 501C-3 of the United States Internal Revenue Code. Originally founded in 1983, FRC was reorganized in the District of Columbia in 1992. The Council is supported by voluntary, tax-deductible donations and grants, most received from individual donors. FRC exists to promote the importance of the traditional family unit and the principles upon which it is built. To accomplish this task, we will:

(a) Promote and defend traditional family values in print, broadcast and other media;

(b) Develop and advocate resolutions, legislative and policy initiatives that strengthen the family and promote traditional values;

(c) Establish and maintain an accurate source of statistical and research information affirming the importance of the family in our civilization;

(d) Inform and educate citizens on how they can promote foundational principles in their own culture.

At the United Nations, FRC would defend the traditional family, encourage freedom of conscience and support the fundamental right of all people to live

freely as members of the human race. As such, we would participate in the work of the Council by providing related research and analysis of international policy in the following thematic areas:

(a) Family:

(i) Support the United Nations efforts to defend human life and the value of the family unit;

(ii) Support efforts to improve the economic opportunities for the family by encouraging fathers to take full responsibility for their families, and by improving the status of women and children;

(iii) Provide the Council with policy studies and analyses related to these issues and problems;

(b) Faith:

(i) Support those United Nations efforts to defend freedom of conscience;

(ii) Obtain current and accurate data for the studies we provide to the Council via our network of human rights and religious freedom experts;

(iii) Prepare objective and thoroughly documented reports from site visits to selected countries/regions for the Council's consideration;

(c) Freedom:

(i) Conduct studies and provide analyses to the Council and other United Nations bodies on the importance of fundamental freedoms and the rule of law;

(ii) Provide educational materials and present briefings on establishing the rule of law and building an effective system of government, economy and social structure;

(iii) Conduct selected site visits, with other like-minded organizations, to observe and report upon growing democratic movements in developing countries.

49. INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

Address: 12501 Old Columbia Pike
Silver Springs, Maryland 20904-6600
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: Incorporated in Washington, D.C., on 16 August 1946

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 10,163,414 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Grants from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church	40,000.00
Other income	1 149.23
Interest	1 000.00
Fees from World Conference participants	
Total	42 149.23
Expenditure*	
Projects	19 225.53
World Conference, New Delhi	1 000.00
Russian Federation Conference, Moscow	1 000.00
Cameroon Conference	5 069.00
Conference of Experts, Madrid	7 231.54
Production of Fides et Libertas	
Total	33 526.07
Net increase to IRLA Fund (1999)	8 623.16

Aims and activities of the organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Working from its bases in Washington, New York and Geneva, IRLA will conduct an international symposium in Bermuda (2001) and a world congress in the Philippines (2002).

IRLA will participate in the United Nations World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

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* Administrative and support personnel serve on a voluntary basis at no expense to the Association.

IRLA would continue its association with non-governmental organization committees on freedom of religion or belief, human rights and religious organizations at the United Nations.

IRLA would give special attention to those nations whose Governments withhold food, housing, medical care, and education as a means of religious and political control.

In particular, IRLA would continue to note those nations whose Governments tend to identify any religious organizations in pejorative terms.

IRLA would work to protect the fundamental right of every individual to adopt a religion or belief, to change from one religious persuasion or belief system to another and to manifest his or her religion or belief individually and in association with others.

50. MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION

Address: Mailing:
P. O. Box 1808
Washington, D.C. 20013-1808
United States of America

Physical location:
228 E. Capital NE
Washington D.C. 20003
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 15 June 1990

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 2,715 individual members and 47 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	86 810
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	88 104
Other income	
Donations, business	12 832
Donations, individuals	5 568
Conference registrations	25 015
Advertising	1 300
Auction and promotional sales	32 229
Fund-raisers and other activities	5 150
Total	257 008

Expenditure

Administration	174 571
Projects	29 876
Other activities	15 016
Total	219 413

Aims and activities of the organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) aims to be an advocate for the motorcycle consumer. MRF primarily represents user groups across the United States of America on issues important to our members and to the advancement of motorcycling. Our activities include lobbying state and federal legislative bodies and regulatory agencies on motorcycling issues. MRF hosts educational conferences and seminars to improve grass-roots activity of citizen motorcyclists. MRF is a clearing house for information providing timely and accurate responses to inquiries from members.

Issues worked on include but are not limited to:

As a result of the advocacy work of MRF, the federal Government dramatically increased its helmet-testing programme;

United States Senator DeConcini introduced the Outlaw Street and Motorcycle Gang Control Act of 1991. Input from MRF resulted in the introduction of a new bill without references to motorcycles or motorcyclists and a new definition of "gangs" that focused on criminal activity versus appearance or mode of transportation;

In 1996, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act prohibited employer provided health care plans from denying benefits to motorcyclists;

In 1998, as a result of the Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty-first Century, motorcycles are now included in the development and implementation of the Intelligent Transportation System. Also included: protection for motorcycles from being banned on roads we pay fuel taxes to design, build and maintain.

Currently, one of the biggest concerns at MRF involves the global harmonization of motor vehicle standards. The issues being discussed and dealt with by motorcyclists in Europe (e.g., universal noise standards, emission levels, anti-tampering devices, construction standards) are being considered as global standards. It is the position of MRF that issues of importance to motorcycling must be approached through a cooperative global effort with the United Nations Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies as key forums on debate. With consultative status MRF would be better positioned to provide information to the United Nations on motorcycling issues and keep our members informed of issues relating to motorcycling being discussed at the United Nations.

An example of the value and success of MRF advocacy work is that in the past 10 years MRF has been recognized several times for its advocacy excellence. In particular the American Society of Association Executive has twice honoured MRF for its successes of the past 10 years with its "Award Of Excellence"; in 1996 for the outstanding single-issue programme at the federal level; in 1999 for its outstanding overall government relations programme at the federal level.

51. CENTER FOR PRACTICE-ORIENTED FEMINIST SCIENCE

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E-mail: muthgard.hinkelmann-toewe@sw.fh-fulda.de

Category requested: Special

Date established: 1990

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 57 individual members in 13 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	-
Contributions from Government	6 973
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts	32 433
Other income (private donations, fund-raising events)	39 351
Total	78 757

Expenditure

Administration	13 892
Projects	49 189
Others	15 676
Total	78 757

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Center for Practice-oriented Feminist Science (PROFS), which is associated with the University of Applied Sciences Fulda (Germany), aims to implement United Nations programmes of action, especially those of Nairobi and Beijing, Cairo and Copenhagen, and their five-year reviews and follow-up processes, in its fields of work.

The activities and competencies of PROFS are in conformity with the aims and purposes of the United Nations. Since its beginning, our organization has supported the work of the United Nations and promoted knowledge of its principles and activities and will go on doing so.

The organization undertakes and promotes independent research and studies relating to women (and the girl child) in order to achieve sustainable results concerning major problems/concerns, such as overpopulation, poverty, gender-based violence, harmful traditional practices, the exploitation of women and children, trafficking in women and children, and the empowerment of women in the global community. It develops concepts and measures in these fields, as follows:

- The organization undertakes and promotes research and studies in the fields of development policies relating to women (and their families), evaluates projects and explores alternative approaches to development, with special reference to women and their children;

- It does practical work in the form of international projects, such as "Women in Kenya" in Africa and "Terra Sana Feminis" in Europe;

- Since 1994, PROFS has been active in United Nations/ECE conferences and NGO forums and involved in the preparatory and follow-up processes at national and international levels;

- It does teaching in the university and outside (education/further education/vocational training), focusing on the aims, concerns, objectives of the United Nations/Economic and Social Council;

- The Center brings United Nations concerns to the people as well as research findings and practical experience with implementation/work;

- The Center does advocacy for different groups of women, and promotes women's rights and the rights of the girl child;

- PROFS focuses on ensuring equal treatment for males and females in its projects;

- Those for whom the activities, projects and measures are meant are involved in the whole decision-making process: planning, organizing, implementation.

The Center would like to intensify its cooperation with the Council and other United Nations bodies, such as WHO, the Division for the Advancement of Women, UNDP, UNFPA, UNESCO and the Division for Social Development, providing substantive and sustained contributions, such as independent research findings, appropriate approaches and practical experience, as well as disseminations of United Nations concerns, to promote the achievement of the economic and social objectives of the United Nations.

The contributions of our organization are rooted in the experience of more than one decade.

52. CENTRE FÉMININ POUR LA PROMOTION DU DÉVELOPPEMENT

Address: B.P. 8376
Yaoundé
Cameroon
Tel: (237) 31 70 51
Fax: (237) 31 89 09

Category requested: Special

Date established: 1994

Membership: The organization is a national organization with 22 individual members and 19 organization and peasant group members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (CFA francs)

Income	
Membership dues	230 000
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts, etc.	8 500 000
Other income	400 000
Total	9 130 000

Expenditure	
Administration	3 700 000
Projects	750 000
Other activities	-
Total	4 450 000

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Centre féminin pour la promotion du développement (CEFEPROD) is a Cameroonian, non-profit non-governmental organization which provides support and counselling. It originated from appraisals of economic, social and legal conditions, which underlined the difficulties encountered by our target population in their efforts at self-management and self-promotion. CEFEPROD is recognized by the Cameroonian Government. Its fundamental objective is to promote the economic, social and juridical development of disadvantaged social groups, through training, information, research and support activities.

The coordinator of CEFEPROD has learned about the processes of the United Nations system, having taken a course on the organization of the United Nations and the Economic and Social Council at the offices of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Turin, Italy. CEFEPROD will contribute to the

dissemination of information on these processes in Cameroon and will serve as a link between the Council and its target population through its newsletter, Femmes et Action, while continuing its activities in the areas of the promotion of women, economic and social development, and law.

53. FEMME - JEUNESSE - ENVIRONNEMENT - SANTÉ

Address: B.P. 10,271
Niamey
Niger
Tel: (00227) 73.30.14
Fax: (00227) 74.26.34

Category requested: Special

Date established: 1996

Membership: The organization is a national organization with 1,500 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	660
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	28 851
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts, etc.	-
Other income	228
Total	29 739

Expenditure

Administration	6 325
Projects	23 414
Other activities	-
Total	29 739

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The mission of FEMJES is based on its contribution to improving the circumstances and standard of living of the disadvantaged population by supporting development activities arising from grass-roots groups, particularly women and youth.

The activities of the non-governmental organization focus on:

- Education and training on population, the environment and development;
- Information, education and communication (IEC) on health and reproduction;
- Management of natural resources and the fight against desertification;

- Activities in support of the economic integration of women and youth.

Contribution to the Council will centre on:

- Making the human resources of FEMJES available;
- Studies, surveys and other activities conducted at the Council's request;
- Transmittal of periodic reports, notes and briefs on the Niger's socio-economic situation;
- Presentation to the United Nations of written and/or oral communications on current topics;
- Exchange of information.

FEMJES also requests the Council to sponsor its admission to its network of non-governmental organizations with consultative status in order to benefit from the advantages of this partnership at the international level.

54. GUN CONTROL AUSTRALIA

Address: Head Office: 247-251 Flinders Lane
Melbourne Vic 3000

Postal Address: GPO Box 4075MM
Melbourne Vic 3001
Australia

Category requested: Special

Date established: 1989

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 720 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	4 630
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Contracts	-
Other sources	20 015
Total	24 645

Expenditure

Administration	14 983
Projects	2 000
Other activities	7 599
Total	24 582

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

One of our main aims is to promote adequate controls on the ownership and usage of firearms with the objective of minimizing gun misuse. Another aim is to encourage research into the gun problem, while a third aim is to educate the community about the problems which are associated with private gun ownership.

Gun Control Australia is the oldest gun control group in Australia. We trace our history back to 1976, when we were mainly Victorian, but we now have capable spokespersons throughout Australia. The original committee of Gun Control Australia contained a majority of practising teachers and perhaps it is not surprising that we placed a strong emphasis on the need to study the nature of the gun problem in Australia and the necessity to publicize our findings.

In the early 1990s, we were granted $10,000 by a private charitable institution to do research on the gun problem; to involve the community in this process, where possible; and to produce books suitable for senior students and the interested public. A second aim of that donation was to help us become self-sufficient and not be reliant on Governments or be forced to compromise our integrity by subservience to the attitudes of large politicized organizations.

Successive committees have continued with this independent approach and educational emphasis. We have published 14 books. The research required to write those books has led us in a specific direction in the matter of gun law policy. Just as we think that the public should be well informed about the gun problem, so too we think that all those wanting guns should be thoroughly trained and rigorously tested.

Having observed the nature of the gun problem in the United States of America, we are particularly concerned about the proliferation of handguns and believe that there should be a wider range of restrictions on handguns. We spend a considerable proportion of our time in the development of adequate handgun controls and lobbying parliamentarians in this regard.

The efforts of the Council's committee on privately owned firearms could be crucial to the worldwide development of proper gun controls. We have followed the reports of this committee and noted the response given by shooting organizations.

We hope that the good work will continue in the directions which we have observed. We hope to add our 20 years of experience to the Council's deliberations.

55. MARMARA GROUP STRATEGIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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Turkey
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Category requested: Special

Date established: 1985

Membership: The organization is a national organization with 683 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	40 000
Contributions from Governments	50 000
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	100 000
Donations	100 000
Fund-raising	310 000
Total	600 000

Expenditure

Administration	50 000
Projects	250 000
Other activities	100 000
Total	400 000

Aims and activities and contribution to the work of the Council

The Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation was established in 1985 with the motto "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country". As a non-governmental organization, Marmara Group Foundation has kept its basic motto over the years, with increasing involvement in social, economic and political matters, raising awareness in key issues, bringing together people from all walks of life through seminars and studies.

The Marmara Group Foundation believes in democracy as an indispensable model of government in which opinions and beliefs are to be discussed freely. In so doing, the Foundation gives special emphasis to maintaining and protecting our national cultural heritage for future generations to carry on. The Foundation holds monthly regular meetings in which current issues are addressed

by those who are leaders in their fields, thereby preparing the groundwork for further actions to be taken in areas of major importance over the years. The Foundation has extended opportunities for every opinion and belief to be expressed and discussed by various people, groups and political parties from all over the world. In this way, the Foundation has made important contributions for the betterment of our society towards more democratization, understanding among different opinions and bringing together views towards common goals.

The Foundation provides infinite benefits for the maturation of the political, economic and social structure of our society. New dimensions to contemporary problems have been provided by the valued opinions and ideas of the Foundation's participants, and its members have presented solutions to the problems of Turkey.

The Marmara Group Foundation has become the only think tank that has accomplished results and succeeded in combining different opinions, offering solutions to the various problems facing society in the political, economic and social domains.

The Marmara Group will participate actively in United Nations-sponsored meetings to expand its information-sharing activities on the free flow of information and offer its expertise to the Council on human rights and in other areas.

56. UNITED NATIONS WATCH*

Address: 1 Rue de Varembé
Case postale 191
1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Category requested: Special

Date established: 1993

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 89 individual members and 1 organization member in 12 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998

	(Swiss francs)	United States dollars
Income		
Membership dues	-	-
Contributions from Governments	-	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-	200 000
Revenue from contracts, etc.	-	-
Other income	72 199.75	155 464.26
Total	72 199.75	355 464.26
Expenditure		
Administration	551 041.84	-
Projects	21 367.50	-
Other activities	35 559.28	-
Total	607 968.62	-

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The aims of United Nations Watch are to promote the balanced, fair and non-discriminatory application of the United Nations Charter, and to encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all.

To this end, United Nations Watch: monitors United Nations bodies, including the Economic and Social Council and all satellite bodies; performs and publishes studies and analyses; organizes public speeches; and provides educational opportunities in the field of human rights, and exposure to the United Nations system through its fellowship and internship programmes.

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* Authorization to use the United Nations name was given by the Senior Legal Officer, United Nations at Geneva, in a letter to United Nations Watch dated 23 August 1994.

Pursuant to its mandate, United Nations Watch has participated and will continue to participate in the work of the subsidiary and other bodies related to the Economic and Social Council in the following ways:

Direct participation

- Attended and made written and oral submissions to the Commission on Human Rights (1994-1999).
- Contributed, with other non-governmental organizations, to United Nations efforts to reform and enhance the mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights (1999).
- Participated in the work of the first Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (1994-1998).
- Followed the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Committee Against Torture, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1994-1999).
- Made representations to the Special Rapporteur on torture and the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia.
- Issued a position paper in support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Gaza and lobbied Member States for its funding.
- Attended the Executive Committee of UNHCR (1994-1998), and participated in non-governmental organization pre-Executive Committee consultations (1998).
- In support of the humanitarian goals of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, made statements to the three expert meetings of the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (1997-1999).
- Continued to cooperate with the Special Committee of International Non-Governmental Organizations on Human Rights (Geneva).
- Continued to work with the Committee on Human Rights of the Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations to contribute to the 2001 world conference on racism.

Public information activities

- Sponsored public speaking engagements on the United Nations and the principles of its Charter. Speakers have included Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, Abba Eban, Judge Richard Goldstone, Per Ahlmark and Jeane Kirkpatrick.

- Made a statement to the Economic and Social Council forum on non-governmental organizations and development (1996).

- At the 1996 Webster University (Geneva) Conference on the theme "War crimes in Yugoslavia: peace or justice", delivered a speech entitled "Geneva and the challenge of humanitarian action in the 1990s".

- Published (and continues to publish) a bi-weekly analysis on United Nations-related topics, including the activities of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies. Past issues have covered procedural reform within the treaty body system; calls for greater interaction between the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council; and an appreciation of the work and role of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

57. EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIERS

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B-1200 Brussels
Belgium
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Category requested: Roster

Date established: 1959

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 2,500 companies members and 16 organization members in 15 countries, representing 1,600,000 individuals.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (euros)

Income

Membership dues	1 398 368
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	223 389
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	89 027
Total	1 710 784

Expenditure

Administration	1 404 270
Projects	246 434
Other activities	-
Total	1 650 704

Aims and activities and contribution to the work of the Council

CLEPA is an international non-profit association founded in 1959, which represents, promotes and defends the interests of automobile parts and components manufacturers vis-à-vis national and international legislative authorities and all its economic partners: consumers organizations, industrial associations of vehicle manufacturers, distributors and others in the automotive industry.

The Association also promotes and assists scientific and technological research on products and processes in the field of automotive components and parts, especially with a view to furthering international trade harmonization

and the removal of technical barriers. CLEPA supports and promotes the harmonization of regulations concerning transport, automotive components and parts, and vehicles which is dealt with in the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

Within Europe, CLEPA represents about 2,500 companies employing 1,600,000 people.

The Association's position on any subject of interest is determined within working groups, the position on harmonization and removal of technical barriers within a standing technical committee. Then, the Association:

- Advises government representatives and deputies on any issues relating to the automotive industry, as a member of various consultative bodies of the Commission of the European Communities, the European Parliament, the European Council and of working parties of the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe;

- Acts as coordinator for projects involving its members and other organizations, mainly in the fields of research and development and training;

- Publishes position papers and periodicals (the latter mainly in the field of training);

- Organizes and/or takes part in conferences/workshops on issues dealing with the automotive sector.

If the Association obtains consultative status with the Council, it will continue to participate in United Nations activities on environment, trade facilitation, road transport and transport of dangerous goods. It will continue to participate actively in the work of the ECE Transport Division, especially in its Working Parties on Road Traffic (WP1) and on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP15) and in the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP29, formerly the Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles). Our Association:

- Will advise contracting parties to United Nations agreements managed by those working parties on the establishment of regulations concerning preservation of the environment and road transport safety;

- Will continue to help contracting parties and the ECE secretariat in drafting such regulations and amendments to existing ones;

- Will organize workshops and seminars on automotive technologies and economics to inform contracting partners, consumer organizations, other industry associations and NGOs.

58. HUMAN RIGHTS INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL

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Category requested: Special

Date established: 1982

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 17 individual members and 222 organization members in 79 countries/territories.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (Swiss francs)

Income	
Membership dues	
Government	318 211
Intergovernmental organizations	
Other NGOs	346 744
Contracts	
Other sources	20 855
Total	685 810

Expenditure	
Administration	305 474
Projects	178 080
Other activities	201 530
Total	685 084

Aims and activities and contribution to the work of the Council

HURIDOCS aims to promote and protect human rights through improvement of monitoring and through the wider dissemination of information about human rights.

The main goals of HURIDOCS are: (a) to increase access to human rights information by developing and promoting monitoring, information handling and communication tools for use by the human rights community; (b) to increase the competence of human rights information and documentation workers through training on tools and techniques of monitoring and information handling and

through provision of advice and support; and (c) to strengthen and support networks and other collaborative efforts among human rights organizations in the area of human rights information.

The work of HURIDOCS is carried out through the establishment of task forces which develop various tools, the formation of pools of experts who serve as trainers and consultants; the organization of training courses, workshops, internships and similar activities at various levels, and the convening of conferences and other activities, towards the establishment of regional and thematic networks.

HURIDOCS will continue to participate actively in United Nations-sponsored activities. For one, it will participate and offer its expertise in the work of the Commission on Human Rights, particularly in the areas of human rights education and training, in monitoring the observance of human rights obligations, and in terms of technical cooperation. It also plans to continue working with treaty-monitoring bodies for the development of appropriate monitoring tools.

HURIDOCS will also continue its major thrust of helping in the capacity-building efforts of the human rights community, particularly non-governmental organizations, so that these can participate more meaningfully in activities such as those carried out by the Commission on Human Rights.

Another area where HURIDOCS can provide service to United Nations bodies is in the dissemination of human rights information. A search engine specifically devoted to human rights information will be put into operation in 1999.

59. INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF DOCTORS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Address: ISDE
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Switzerland

Category requested: Special

Date established: 1990

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 39 organization members in 38 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Swiss francs)

Income	
Membership dues	15 857
Governments	51 000
Intergovernmental organizations	-
Other NGOs	8 183
Contracts	34 145
Other sources	79 378
Total	188 563

Expenditure	
Administration	81 687
Projects	92 813
Other activities	26 712
Total	201 212

Aims and activities and contribution to the work of the Council

The International Society of Doctors for the Environment (ISDE) is the international umbrella organization for 39 national and regional organizations of doctors for the environment in 38 countries around the world. The majority of the 30,000 individual members of the member organizations are medical doctors. ISDE's aims are to disseminate reliable information to make humans everywhere aware of the problems linked with pollution produced by human activity in order to protect health and the continuity of life on planet Earth, and to fight against every type of environmental degradation of air, water, soil, biodiversity, both in the world and locally.

Most of the work of ISDE is carried out by its member organizations. Member organizations and ISDE run topic-specific programmes, organize conferences, participate in national and international negotiations, work with

the press, give briefings to the medical community, policy makers and the general public, and publish information material and newsletters.

ISDE runs a web page and several topic specific e-mail listservers.

ISDE intends to continue its participation in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change process, in the UNEP population treaty negotiations, in ECE work relevant to the environment and in the inter-agency European Environment and Health Committee.

ISDE is in official relation with WHO and collaborates on different environment and health issues.

ISDE plans to participate in the Commission on Sustainable Development and the preparations for the 10-year review of UNCED, as well as in the special session of the General Assembly on follow-up to the World Summit for Children. ISDE can offer its expertise on any other issues relevant to environment and health.

60. AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSOCIATION

Address: 1315 Yarmouth Drive
Pickerington, OH 43147
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 5 June 1952

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 235,000 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	6 062 240
Other income	3 825 389
Total	9 887 629
Expenditure	
Administration	3 149 169
Other activities	6 058 671
Total	9 207 840

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The specific, defined, purpose of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) is to pursue, promote, and protect the interests of motorcyclists while serving the needs of its members. In a broader sense, the emergence of a global economy, development of a homogenous regulatory environment in Europe and the role played by motorcycles and powered two-wheelers in the evolution of transportation, road safety, mobility and public policy in developing countries require an awareness and involvement beyond traditional national policy institutions.

AMA is uniquely situated to advise and support the Economic and Social Council's motorcycle-related policy issues. AMA has pursued the advancement of motorcycle and road safety through the advocacy of a comprehensive approach that emphasizes the interrelationship of the individual, vehicle design, operating environment and regulatory controls. Through its active involvement with the Fédération international du motorcyclisme (FIM), AMA has supported initiatives of the United Nations and of the Economic Commission for Europe and wishes to expand its level of involvement to advance other projects under the auspices of the United Nations in the western hemisphere.

The American Motorcyclist Association is the only North American motorcycle-rider organization to have participated in each of the two international motorcycle rider safety conferences, held in 1980 and 1990; a third will be hosted jointly by United States and European interests in 2000.

We were participants in meetings on the World Bank's Global Road Safety Partnership, in the organization of the first Experienced Rider Training Symposium (Luxembourg, 1996), in the first International Motorcycle Riders Public Policy Conference (Luxembourg, 1997), and in the second Experienced Rider Training Symposium (Frankfurt, 1999). AMA is a member of ITS America, a professional group involved with the advancement and implementation of intelligent vehicle technology.

If granted consultative status, AMA would continue its international pursuit of motorcycle safety and education. Because it is uniquely situated and widely recognized as the pre-eminent authority on motorcycle-related issues around the world, it would be able to offer expertise and advise the United Nations on matters related to motorcycling.

61. EUROPEAN INSTITUTE

Address: 5225 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20015
United States of America

Category requested: General

Date established: 6 April 1989

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 16 individual members, and 106 organizational members in 25 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	519 000
Governments	206 500
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	167 000
Other income: foundations, corporate sponsorships, investment income	275 108
Special event (tenth anniversary)	155 000
Total	1 322 608

Expenditure

Administration	502 900
Projects	667 600
Other activities: fundraising and publications	60 000
Special event (tenth anniversary)	50 000
Total	1 280 500

Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Serving the international community through an array of innovative programmes, based on the transatlantic relationship, the European Institute has built a reputation as the leading policy organization in Washington, D.C. Many challenges face the transatlantic partnership as we enter the twenty-first century, including major decisions in the area of trade relations, European enlargement, prospects for NATO and the European security and defense initiative, issues related to the "technological gap" between Europe and the United States, the introduction of the euro and the liberalization and evolution of communications markets.

The 1999 programme, in celebration of the Institute's tenth anniversary, included a forum on triangular relations between the United States, Europe and Asia, and a regional programme with Latin America; programme on transatlantic

and global trade and investment; the Transatlantic Joint Security Project; project on cooperation in transatlantic science and technology; and round tables on aeronautics and space; multimedia and telecommunications; environment, energy and transportation; financial and monetary affairs; and food and biotechnologies. These working groups hold regular discussions among experts in specific areas. The format is flexible so that a number of issues can be addressed with a very quick response. In addition to the established round tables and forums, the Institute will continue its innovative analysis and anticipation of emerging issues which are the foundation of its programmes.

In support of Council priorities, the Institute would participate in the activities of the United Nations, invite United Nations representatives to its meetings, continue developing its cooperation with United Nations agencies for specific programmes, and promote the general goals of the United Nations.

The first Chairman of the Board of Directors of the European Institute was Francis Blanchard, former Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO). Activities of the Economic and Social Council are consistent, by nature, with the activities and goals of the European Institute.

62. EUROPEAN ROMA RIGHTS CENTER

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Category requested: General

Date established: 30 October 1996

Membership: The organization is an international organization.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income

Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	50 567
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	1 824 767
Other income	13 769
Total	1 889 103

Expenditure

Administration	481 760
Projects	850 564
Other activities	418 689
Total	1 751 013

Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The European Roma Rights Center (ERRC) is an international public interest law organization which defends the legal rights of Roma. Its purpose is to act as a public advocate on behalf of the transnational, geographically diverse Romani community and be a legal resource centre for the effective protection and advancement of Roma rights. ERRC works to give Roma the tools necessary to combat discrimination and win equal access to government, education, employment, health care, housing and public services.

ERRC pursues its objectives by engaging in the following activities:

(a) Research: monitoring and reporting on the human rights situation of the Roma;

(b) Legal defence: providing and supporting legal services, including litigation, in national and international forums for Roma victims of human rights violations;

(c) Legal research: developing strategies based on analysis of existing legal services to empower Roma through law;

(d) Roma rights education: training of Roma rights advocates and educating specific target groups about Roma human rights problems;

(e) Advocacy: promoting Roma rights in domestic and international governmental and non-governmental settings;

(f) Documentation: creating a Roma rights archive and publishing reports and other materials concerning Roma rights.

ERRC would continue to work with the United Nations by disseminating among United Nations treaty bodies and Council organs published reports, newsletters, and other information concerning the human rights conditions of Roma in Europe. ERRC would continue to present legal advocacy submissions on Roma rights conditions in individual countries as they come up for consideration by United Nations treaty bodies and would publish the concluding observations that are of particular relevance to Roma in those countries. In addition, ERRC would engage in legal representation on behalf of victims of human rights violations in preparing communications in individual cases before United Nations treaty bodies, where such individual communications procedures have been accepted by the country(ies) concerned.

63. MILLENNIUM INSTITUTE

Address: 1117 N. 19th Street
Suite 900
Arlington, VA 22209-1708
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 1983

Membership: The organization is an international organization.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Revenue from contracts	637 922.38
Other income	40 642.64
Total	678 565.02
Expenditure	
Administration	153 903.00
Projects	728 900.00
Total	882 803.00[1]

Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Millennium Institute aims to facilitate country-level consensus on sustainable development strategies through its Threshold 21 computer assessment tool. The Institute uses this tool to engage country leaders, non-governmental organizations, United Nations agencies and international leaders in addressing sustainable development issues in several topical areas, including those addressed by Agenda 21, other United Nations global conferences and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework.

In addition, the Institute strives to engage leaders of all the "guiding institutions" (business, education, government, media, and religion) to discuss with each other their respective roles in creating sustainable futures. This "creative engagement" is accomplished primarily through the Parliament of the World's Religions.

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[1] Deficit between total revenue and total expenditures made up of funding carried over from previous years.

The Millennium Institute is using systems technology and the turn of the millennium to catalyse a turn towards a peaceful, just, and sustainable future for all.

The Institute helps national Governments, United Nations agencies and development banks to develop consensus on sustainable development strategies for specific countries. THRESHOLD 21, based on an improved version of the World Bank's economic model, includes demographic, social, environmental and resource sectors totally missing from the Bank's model. Applications are finished or in progress for Bangladesh, Benin, Cambodia, China, Italy, Malawi, Tunisia and the United States.

The Institute would take part in the work of the Council through participation in conferences, seminars, support of United Nations projects in the field of sustainable development, and by assisting other non-governmental organizations to participate more effectively in United Nations activities.

64. SWEDISH ORGANISATION OF DISABLED PERSONS INTERNATIONAL AID ASSOCIATION

Address: Box 4060
102 61 Stockholm
Sweden

Category requested: General

Date established: 15 January 1981

Membership: The organization is an international organization with organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (Swedish kroner)

Income	
Membership dues	1 875 000
Governments	29 825 000
Other non-governmental organizations	298 000
Contracts	(1 530 000)
Total	31 998 000
Expenditures	
Administration	4 885 000
Projects	20 592 000
Other activities	6 555 000
Total	32 032 000

Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Swedish Organization of Disabled Persons International Aid Association is a subgroup of Solidarity Humanity International Aid (SHIA), a Swedish non-governmental organization specializing in development cooperation with persons with disabilities in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe. SHIA consists of 19 Swedish organizations of the disabled and altogether SHIA's member organizations support about 80 projects in 24 countries. The overall aim of SHIA is to strengthen the human rights of persons with disabilities. To achieve a sustainable change and improvement in the situation of disabled people, a fundamental change of attitude is requested. Along with the United Nations Year of the Disabled in 1981 the disability movement fought under the slogan "A society for all". By this they wanted to put forward a vision of a society that recognizes the value of all people and makes use of the different abilities of its citizens. This might sound as utopian but it expresses an outlook that is essential if development is to include everyone.

Together with cooperating partners, SHIA is also involved in different awareness-raising activities with regard to the situation of persons with disabilities in developing countries. Another important task is to encourage other bodies involved in development work to mainstream persons with disabilities into their policies, strategies and operations.

SHIA would participate in the different activities carried out by the Council and hope to be able to share its extensive knowledge on the situation of persons with disabilities in developing countries and how to strengthen their rights. SHIA is an organization of disabled people and is therefore almost exclusively represented by persons with disabilities from the Northern and Southern hemisphere. Persons with disabilities possess the best knowledge of their own situation and are also the most suitable to, in cooperation with others, find solutions in different fields of concern.

65. UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI KANSAS CITY WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Address: 5100 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO 64110
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 14 October 1983

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 458 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997-1998 (United States dollars

Income	
Membership dues	4 875
Other income	
Gifts to Graduate Assistance Fund (GAF)	90 337
GAF Endowment earnings	50 438
Starr Education Endowment earnings	30 836
Programme/allocation	10 542
Total	187 028
Expenditure	
Administration	1 853
Projects	8 170
Other activities	
GAF Grants/aid	50 438
Starr Symposium	30 836
Newsletter/misc.	4 059
Total	95 356

Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC) Women's Council, established in 1967, has worked for 32 years to advance the status of women through education and information. The first programme to achieve this mission was the Graduate Assistance Fund (GAF) Endowment, supporting domestic and international women students through fellowships and grants. Since 1971, 781 women have received $487,611 in assistance from the GAF. The organization continuously works to increase the endowment to provide even greater resources to support women students. The effects of investing in educating women are well documented in all nations.

The second programme to achieve the mission of the UMKC Women's Council was the Starr Symposium. The programme began in 1993 and is supported by the Starr Education Endowment. The mission of the Symposium is to address women's issues and family concerns. Nationally and internationally known experts and government leaders participate in the symposia to work with community leaders to examine ways to eliminate barriers that face women and affect their children. Past participants in Starr Symposia include Gertrude Mangella, Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky Theresa Loar, and Gracia Hillman. These symposia directly support the work of the Commission on the Status of Women and the objective to have non-governmental organizations and civil society fully invested in furthering the goals of the Platform for Action by generating support for public policy measures. The UMKC Women's Council has had exceptional success through the Starr Symposia in building coalitions with other local non-governmental organizations to foster informed dialogue on such topics as the need for partnership between women and men, on girls' relationships with boys, and how the built environment affects women and children.

The UMKC Women's Council sent representatives to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, to the Commission on the Status of Women preparatory meeting for "Women 2000: Gender, Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-first Century" and the Hague Appeal for Peace. With recognition by the Council as having special consultative status, the organization would participate in the June 2000 special session and at future conferences and meetings to gather the information necessary to provide local awareness and promote action on existing and emerging issues. Special consultative status would provide the opportunity to share information with the Council, as described in resolution 1996/31, parts IV and V.

66. A WOMAN'S VOICE INTERNATIONAL

Address: 713 WSW Loop 323, Suite 205
Tyler, Texas 75701
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 19 June 1995

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 20 individual members in three countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	2 000.00
Other income	21 637.24
Total	23 637.24
Expenditure	
Projects	18 065.00
Other activities	4 767.43
Total	21 637.24

Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council

A Woman's Voice International is a non-governmental organization whose mission is to assist women and female adolescents in breaking the cycle of illiteracy and poverty that leads to victimization. Those we serve fall into the following categories: poor women with limited opportunities who are least likely to be considered of value by society, women regarded as second class citizens, victims of human rights abuses and domestic violence, including victims of inhumane practices such as female genital mutilation. In this respect, our activities correspond fully to the implementation of the Platform for Action adopted at the 1995 United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women.

Currently, our work includes the establishment of the New Hope Women's Center, located in Siliguri, West Bengal (textile training) and the construction of the Women's Vocational School (computer sciences), Vizag, India, including literacy training for lower-caste untouchables and tribal women.

Several years ago we launched Project Innocence, a unique multifaceted programme to abolish female genital mutilation in Kisii, Kenya. To achieve our goals and commitment to economic security and economic justice, we also award

microenterprise loans to leaders or individuals whose influence as spokespersons is of assistance.

Further our aim is to create national awareness as well as individual involvement in the issues affecting 95 percent of the world's women as we develop our networking abilities, particularly in the areas of information, education, creativity and identification of indigenous resources with other organizations.

Based on our previous involvement in the human rights arena and on our ongoing activities, we could benefit the United Nations as follows:

(a) Make assessments and assist in programme planning;

(b) Give voice to the issues affecting the unrepresented South, thus improving balance within the global community;

(c) Serve as a consultative resource for conferences and meetings;

(d) Create new ways of integrating our research;

(e) Act as a catalyst between the private sector and other United Nations agencies;

(f) Address and evaluate the implications and consequences of cultural issues in a broader social context;

(g) Give voice to under-represented people in intergovernmental forums.

67. ABDUL MOMEN KHAN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Address: 5 Momenbagh
Rajabagh
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Bangladesh

Category requested: General

Date established: 1988

Membership: the organization is a national organization with nearly 10,000 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998/99 (Bangladesh taka):

Income	
Membership dues	0
Contributions from Governments	29 523 466
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	9 380 814
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	30 991
Revenue from contracts etc.	0
Other income	6 000 000
Total income	44 935 271

Expenditure	
Administration	1 299 260
Projects	42 145 071
Other activities	1 490 940
Total expenditure	44 935 271

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

The aim of Khan Foundation is firm in its determination yet flexible in its approach. The Khan Foundation would like to see a future world where liberal democracy flourishes and is sustained along with the growth of economic development, where basic human rights and dignity are honoured, and where the millions of downtrodden no longer suffer under the yoke of poverty. Our objective lies in the concept that democracy and development go hand in hand in order to sustain each other. Our emphasis is to strengthen participatory democracy in the country from the grass-roots (local government) through the central level and to improve the living condition of the country's disadvantaged groups, in particular women and children, by promoting effective social and economic development programmes through advocacy, motivation, and training as well as action programmes.

On the international front, the major activity of the Foundation has been the perpetuation and promotion of various programmes of the United Nations, in particular in the area of economic and social development. Our activities in this respect include, among others, sensitizing issues related to and implementation of programmes of action emanating from (a) the Earth Summit, (b) the World Summit for Social Development, (c) the International Conference on Population and Development, (d) Beijing Fourth World Conference on Women and (e) the World Summit for Children not only by bringing together parliamentarians, academicians, professionals, civil society, executives, and the private sector as well as women, children and other disadvantaged groups but also through capacity-building and strengthening of institutions in order to promote economic and social progress and development of our people and achieve a decent standard of living through poverty alleviation and productive employment-generation, all in line with the general principles laid out in the Charter of the United Nations for the Economic and Social Council.

Khan Foundation and its representatives were accredited to, and participated in, all these major United Nations conferences as well as many of their preparatory committees. The Foundation has also been involved in the post-conference review stages of these conference programmes of action and, in particular, was elected the National Focal Point in Bangladesh for The Hague Forum on the five-year review and appraisal of the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development in 1999. In New York, the Foundation has been accorded observer status to CSD Sessions in 1998 and 1999 and is looking forward to being in the next CSD. Currently we are also working towards creating awareness in Bangladesh on ideas of the five-year review of the World Summit for Social Development due in June 2000 in Geneva. Specifically our current and future major activities include, among others:

(a) Promoting an institutional set-up for sustaining democracy and development;

(b) Capacity-building of Union Parishad (local government) members: good governance at grass-roots level;

(c) Generating environmental awareness and achieving sustainable development;

(d) Advancing the causes of women's reproductive health rights and the rights of children;

(e) A rural credit programme for women/leadership training and empowerment of women;

(f) Advocacy and mobilization/research and studies/publication of a newsletter entitled <u>The Grass-roots</u> and circulating it around the countryside of Bangladesh.

We are continuing working in these and other areas of concern to the Economic and Social Council by activating these issues with the policy planners in Bangladesh as well as involving people from a cross-section of our society including the grass-roots level who are being made familiar with worldwide development-related activities of the United Nations as such and those of the Council in particular.

68. FAMILY WELFARE IN BRAZIL CIVIL SOCIETY

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Category requested: Special

Date established: 3 June 1971

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 182 individual members and 10 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for year 1 January-31 December 1999 (Brazilian reais):

Income	
Membership dues	10
Government	599 420
Intergovernmental organizations	194 909
Other non-governmental organizations	1 502 661
Contracts	4 440 993
Other income	4 612 817
Total income	11 350 810
Expenditure	
Administration	2 172 069
Projects	9 032 440
Total expenditure	11 204 509

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

Both the Cairo International Conference on Population and Development in 1994 and the Beijing Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995 redirected policies and programmes in the population field. This allowed the reconceptualization of family planning programmes within a comprehensive reproductive health framework. This raised discussions about the integration of population affairs, women's health, sexual and reproductive rights, and women's autonomy. Within this context, Governments and civil societies adopted the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action, making efforts to guarantee sexual and reproductive rights to the population.

Since then, Family Welfare in Brazil Civil Society (BEMFAM), as an advocate organization in the defence of sexual and reproductive rights, has striven to adapt its institutional policies to the recommendations of the two above-mentioned conferences.

As a practical result, the organization redefined strategies to face the challenges in many areas. These included unsatisfied needs in reproductive health, strengthening women role in society, adolescents' reproductive and sexual rights, men's involvement in reproductive health, quality of attention with respect to services, integrating sexually transmitted diseases and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) prevention and treatment in family planning activities.

The organization was one of the pioneers in dealing with another social problem: gender violence, addressing not only conjugal violence, but also sexual violence in cases of abuse, harassment, rape, and child and youth prostitution.

Strengthened by its past of accomplishments, BEMFAM faces the challenge of a new millennium. Once again, as the leading organization in the reproductive and sexual health area, it redefines its social mission and its role within Brazil's civil society, with the hope of a promising future in the areas of citizenship and health.

69. GIRLS' POWER INITIATIVE

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Category requested: Special

Date established: 24 July 1994

Membership: the organization is a national organization.

Summary of financial statement for year 1998 (United States dollars):

Income

Membership dues	0
Contributions from Governments	0
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	164 836.24
Revenue from contracts, etc.	0
Other income	0
Total income	164 836.24

Expenditure

Administration	27 220.75
Projects	72 628.31
Other activities	21 965.88
Total expenditure	121 814.94

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

The objectives of the organization are:

(a) Building and increasing the capacity of Nigerian adolescent girls to articulate and critically analyse issues that impact on their health and enjoyment of human rights;

(b) Increasing the access of adolescent girls in Nigeria to comprehensive and non-judgemental information on health, human rights and sexuality from a gender perspective;

(c) Developing the capacity of adolescent girls to overcome gender prejudices and grow into self-assured active women involved in development on an equal basis with men;

(d) Increasing the number of informed and gender-sensitive adolescent girls with a view to decreasing the gender gap in social, political and economic sectors;

(e) Sensitizing the public and creating awareness towards the elimination of gender prejudices to build gender equality;

(f) Building the foundation for the creation of a gender/activist institute in Nigeria.

The organization will continue to participate in all United Nations conferences open to observation and participation of non-governmental organizations including United Nations regional meetings. The organization will continue to disseminate information and continue its public education on United Nations policy documents as well as advocate, in networking with other non-governmental organizations, for implementation by stakeholders of the commitments to action contained in such documents.

The organization will continue its activities to promote high quality of health for girls and women. The organization has developed a core tool, a training manual on adolescent sexuality. This will be disseminated to similar organizations to expand the programme on the promotion of adolescent sexual and reproductive health. The organization will work in collaboration with other non-governmental organizations to strengthen the partnership that we have established with ministries of health and education to implement programmes of sexuality education in schools.

70. MOUNTAIN WOMEN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Address: Head office
Post Office Box 591
Gilgit
Northern Areas
Pakistan

Postal address
P. O. Box 1780
Islamabad
Pakistan

Category requested: Special

Date established: 17 May 1995

Membership: the organization is a national organization with 105 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Pakistan rupees):

Income	
Membership dues	0
Contributions from Government	360 000
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	0
Revenue from contracts etc.	788 500
Other income	136 900
Total income	1 285 400
Expenditure	
Administration	53 403
Projects	1 127 001
Other activities	100 208
Total expenditure	1 280 612

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

Mountain Women Development Organization (MWDO) was started in the Northern Areas of Pakistan in 1995. The non-governmental organization is working to eradicate gender discrimination against women in the Northern Areas. The goal was to provide various avenues through which women could develop a higher standard of living through gender awareness and equity, access to education, improved health services, and knowledge of their rights. By 1999, several projects were in place, a Crisis Intervention Centre, a Hostel for Girls in Islamabad, a Microcredit Scheme and a Reproductive Health Centre. The organization has participated in many workshops and conferences, like the Fourth

World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, the Association for Women in Development (AWID) - Forum 1996, the Microcredit Summit held in 1997 and so forth. It held its own conference on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Commission on Human Rights, entitled "Women's Voices Against Violence (WAVE 98)".

MWDO believes in creating awareness and change through:

(a) Providing interventions and services for women victims of violence;

(b) Women's human resource development through education and skill enhancement to enable them to enjoy equal human rights;

(c) Women's economic independence by providing job opportunities and microcredit schemes;

(d) Advocating women's reproductive health rights and other health issues;

(e) Evolving a cost-effective and long-lasting mechanism to reduce discrimination against women.

Mountain Women Development Organization will actively participate in United Nations-sponsored meetings on human rights, including women and children's rights. MWDO is committed to carrying on all the activities, projects and publications to ensure the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and other conventions on child rights and human rights. This organization will continue to disseminate all the information regarding United Nations work among the communities and within the networks. The organization will always look for opportunities to lend its research and activities to areas of interest to the Council inasmuch as they concern defence of the rights of women and children or any responsibility extended by the United Nations or any other organs like UNIFEM, UNICEF and WHO.

71. NETWORK OF EAST-WEST WOMEN

Address: 1601 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Suite 601
Washington, D.C. 20009-1035
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 5 May 1995

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 1,878 individual members and 78 organization members in 30 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars):

Income

Membership dues	5 000
Contributions from Governments	0
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	0
Revenue from contracts etc.	0
Other income	120 000
Total income	125 000

Expenditure

Administration	132 500
Projects	168 950
Other activities	0
Total expenditure	301 450

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

Network of East-West Women (NEWW) intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by raising and addressing issues relevant to women in the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe.

The aim of NEWW is to support grass-roots women's organizations, movements and individual activists in the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe. NEWW achieves this aim by providing access to on-line dialogues between women concerned about women's swiftly changing status in the former Soviet Union/Central and Eastern Europe. NEWW also provides opportunities for intensive four-month work-study experiences for recently graduated women attorneys and other activists. NEWW is creating a Women's Policy Institute to bring together cutting-edge women's rights activists and researchers to develop joint strategies for future work around various women's rights issues. Finally,

NEWW provides information and contacts to members and in response to general enquiries on a continuous basis.

NEWW intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by participating in all sessions where our expertise in women's human rights issues in the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe may be of assistance.

NEWW also intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by raising and responding to issues relevant to women in the post-communist region through thoughtful analysis and discussion of these issues with Council members during sessions and through NEWW publications and materials.

72. POPULATION REFERENCE BUREAU

Address: 1875 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 520
Washington, D.C. 20009-5728

Tel: 202/483-1100
Fax: 202/328-3937

Category requested: Special

Date established: 3 January 1938

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 3,683 individual members and 1,036 organization members in 64 countries.

Summary of financial statement for financial year 1998 (1 October 1997-30 September 1998) (United States dollars):

Income

Membership dues	156 955
Contributions from Governments	2 581 868
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	0
Revenue from contracts etc.	1 184 747
Other income	381 880
Total income	4 305 449

Expenditure

Administration	1 046 051
Projects	3 200 631
Other activities	117 130
Total expenditure	4 363 812

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

The Population Reference Bureau (PRB) is a private, non-profit, non-advocacy, scientific and educational organization that gathers, interprets and disseminates timely, accurate information about population and related issues. PRB produces a large number of materials on population and reproductive health issues and disseminates tens of thousands of these publications free of charge to developing country audiences each year. PRB helps make technical research accessible to print and broadcast journalists around the world through collaborative media networks, background publications, seminars, press conferences and briefings. PRB also provides direct technical assistance and training to government institutions and private organizations in the United States and abroad. We help both developed and developing nations increase

awareness and understanding of population issues for better-informed policy decisions through policy communication workshops and other activities.

PRB contributes to a wide range of demographic issues linked to concerns addressed by the United Nations, including reproductive health, family planning, ageing, crime, immigration, changing family structure, minorities' status and environmental degradation. We have participated in past United Nations meetings, producing materials and fostering international press coverage of these meetings through our work with journalists, particularly from developing countries. Recent United Nations meetings in which we have participated include:

(a) 1994: International Conference on Population and Development, including several preparatory meetings;

(b) 1995: World Summit for Social Development;

(c) 1995: Fourth World Conference on Women;

(d) 1999: Hague Forum on the five-year review of the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development.

PRB plans to continue participating in, and preparing materials that will contribute to, the five-year reviews of the International Conference on Population and Development (the session of the Commission on Population and Development in March 1999 and the special session of the General Assembly in June 1999), of the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women.

73. WOMEN'S BOARD EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION SOCIETY

Address: 98 Femi Ayantuga
PO Box 4240, Surulere Post Office
Lagos, Nigeria

Category requested: Special

Date established: 23 August 1974

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 860 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for year 1998 (United States dollars):

Income

Membership dues	15 485
Contributions from Governments	33 991
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	35 714
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	11 905
Revenue from contracts etc.	
Other income	1 214
Total income	98 309

Expenditure

Administration	11 869
Projects	69 464
Other activities	13 001
Total expenditure	94 334

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

The broad aim of Women's Board Educational Cooperation Society is the development of the individual Nigerian woman of any background, race and religion, empowering her through education and self-reliance so as to make her a better-equipped citizen to participate in the economic and social progress of the country.

The activities that the organization carries out to pursue this general aim are mainly educational programmes of varying duration and levels, given through workshops, seminars, group discussions and short and long courses. They focus on work skills (more specifically related to food handling), organizational skills, responsible attitude to work, setting up of microenterprises to increase the family income, ethical behaviour, citizenship responsibility, community environmental care, adult literacy in rural areas, and rights of women and families.

The organization thinks that it can participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council in a dual way: on one hand, by making an input of direct information on the living conditions of the Nigerian woman, and her aspirations and hardships based on the organization's day-by-day work in the field, and the other, by getting to know the policies of the Council at the stage of preparation, reflecting on them, making contributions based on our experiences, and disseminating them afterwards. This would include:

(a) Transmitting the results of our work, especially our experience on focusing our programmes on a human-centred holistic development;

(b) Advocating for the urgency of equality of opportunities to be given to the Nigerian women;

(c) Offering our participation in the preparation of drafts related to African development;

(d) Offering our participation in choosing the priority lines of support of the United Nations to developing countries;

(e) Proposing topics that could be included in deliberations or conferences of the United Nations;

(f) Distributing in Nigeria the United Nations yearly calendar of observances;

(g) Disseminating the publications of the United Nations agencies and the Economic and Social Council mainly related to social development, human rights, sustainable development, status of women, environment and children;

(h) Carrying out information programmes on United Nations work on socio-economic development.

74. AFRICA INFRASTRUCTURES FOUNDATION

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Shomolu, Lagos, Nigeria

Office: 21, Bamisile Street Off Allen Avenue
Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria
Tel/Fax: 234 1 493 1809
Email: pac@nova.net.ng

Category requested: Special

Date established: April 1995

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 43 individual members and 12 organizational members in eight countries.

Summary of financial statement for the year 1998

Income	$
Membership dues	18 650
Contributions from Governments	100
Other income	40 000
Total	58 750
Expenditure	
Administration	20 000
Projects	30 000
Other activities	11 500
	61 500

Aims and activities; participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Aims

(a) To ensure that Africa's infrastructures are operational and efficient at all times;

(b) To mobilize intellectual, technical and financial resources to sustain Africa's infrastructures;

(c) To support community development projects and debt relief programmes;

(d) To provide active support on research, consultation, association, economics, finance, planning, design, management, restoration/renewal and construction of Africa's infrastructures;

(e) To disseminate and manage information, raise awareness, provide development education, advocate and formulate policies and participate in joint operational projects;

(f) To alleviate poverty through sustained infrastructures;

(g) To combat corruption in infrastructure administration in Africa;

(h) To seek partnership with the United Nations and its organs to sustain Africa's infrastructures;

(i) To provide institutional support to Governments of Africa;

(j) To work with development organizations and non-governmental organizations of similar persuasion.

Anticipated participation in the activities of the Council

AIF intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by:

(a) Consultation;

(b) Policy articulation and formulation;

(c) Research and consultancy;

(d) Attendance at meetings through authorized representatives;

(e) Presentation of papers on special subjects;

(f) Oral presentations at meetings, conferences, seminars;

(g) Special studies/project services;

(h) Contributions in areas related to its aims and objects;

(i) Advocacy.

The Foundation would provide the above services in poverty alleviation and in all of the relevant United Nations bodies.

75. ANTIOCH CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Address: Copperworks Road, Llanelli
Carmarthenshire, Wales
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
SA15 2NH

Category requested: Special

Date established: 29 January 1992

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 11,400 individual members and 87 organizational members in seven countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1997-1998

Income	$
Membership dues	56 854
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	31 500
Other income	119 051
Total	207 135
Expenditure	
Administration	20 236
Other activities	207 782
Total	228 018

Aims and activities; participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Aims

(a) To advance the temporal and eternal well-being of adults, youth and children through a biblical understanding of the Kingdom of God;

(b) To provide gathering points for adults, youth and children to receive training and education in all issues to do with family;

(c) The rehabilitation of persons suffering from varying forms of addictions - drugs, drink etc.;

(d) The establishment of residential properties for those in need of serious emotional and mental support;

(e) To provide learning and support for the unemployed to establish local businesses;

(f) The giving of financial, material and social aid or relief to persons in need;

(g) To work towards the relief of poverty.

Activities

(a) Youth clubs;

(b) Training courses;

(c) Conferences;

(d) Rehabilitation programmes;

(e) Special projects;

(f) Providing consultation and counselling services.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

As a non-governmental organization, Antioch Christian Centre recognizes that the United Nations reflects the changing dynamics of our time through globalization. For this reason, it has a strong desire to contribute to the understanding it has gained to the work of the Council. It already has experience of United Nations conferences. It would within a year of receiving accreditation set up an office in New York to help facilitate its involvement. It would then be able regularly to involve itself in the openings that are provided for non-governmental organizations. Having established the office in New York, it would then consider another one close to the United Nations base in Geneva. Through its international connections and general international experience, it is able to travel to conferences that are held in other parts of the world as they are set up by the United Nations.

76. CONSUMER WORLD ORGANIZATION

Address: Gozzoli Sur No. 289 (esq. Vesalio)
San Borja Sur, Lima 41
Peru

Category requested: General

Date established: 18 October 1996

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 6 individual members and 26 organizational members in 8 countries.

Summary of financial statement for the year 1998

Income	$
Membership dues	5 000
Other income	26 600
Total	31 600
Expenditure	
Administration	5 000
Projects	14 600
Other activities	10 600
Total	30 200

Aims and activities of the organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The permanent objectives of the Consumer World Organization (CWO) are as follows:

To help build a culture of peace and union, to promote the strengthening of the pillars of democracy, which are freedom, justice and equality; to contribute to the development of a more fair and safe institutional global framework, under United Nations direction.

The main duties are:

(a) To make known and support the strengthening of human rights as promoted by the United Nations;

(b) To make countries aware of General Assembly resolution 39/248 of 16 April 1985, regarding consumer protection;

(c) Consistent with our "Welfare and dignity for everyone" international work programme, to promote the creation and development of national consumer

organizations in all countries, imparting any guidance they may require to act as single units under our international work programme, World Committee for Welfare and Dignity (COMUBDI);

(d) To divulge and promote our work projects and programmes through our web site (www.omco.org);

(e) To carry out strategic alliances with specialized bodies acknowledged by CWO as independent coordination centres.

Our activities intended to aid the Council are oriented towards international economy and business, public services, food safety, human development, education, health, sustainable consumption, ecology and the environment, and the role of consumers in the new millennium.

CWO is currently working on the launch of the first issue of its monthly publication, a newspaper called "El Consumidor" (The Consumer), scheduled to take place on 4 September 2000.

77. INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY ASSOCIATION

Address: 81, rue du Marche-au-Charbon
B-1000 Brussels
Belgium
Telephone and fax: +32-2-5022471
Email: ilga@ilga.org

Category requested: Special

Date established: 1978

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 192 individual members and 337 organizational members in 72 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (Belgian francs)

Income	
Membership dues/donations	910 052
Other non-governmental organizations	910 900
Other income	
Advertising	68 250
Office rental	10 000
Exchange	8 861
Intérêts Créditeurs	10 591
Total	1 918 654
Expenditure	
Administration	416 332
Projects	781 388
Other activities	36 471
Total	1 234 191

Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The aim of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) is to promote the human rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered individuals. ILGA works to ensure that international norms of equality and non-discrimination are realized both in law and in practice. ILGA believes that the human rights of its members can only be realized if the rights of other vulnerable groupings are also ensured. For that reason, the ILGA constitution commits the organization and its members to the promotion of human rights in general, including the provisions of the core international human rights treaties, expressly including those set out in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Rights of the Child

and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

ILGA has participated in sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities as well as at the international Conferences on Human Rights (Vienna, 1993), Social Development (Copenhagen, 1995) and Women (Beijing, 1995). ILGA's goals, in this work, include (a) achieving a visible presence of lesbians and gay men in international human rights forums; (b) encouraging the Council and its subsidiary bodies to address our human rights issues; and (c) providing current information on the situation, legally and socially, of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered individuals in all parts of the world. Besides participation in appropriate United Nations forums, ILGA would continue to publish information on human rights issues and make those publications available to all United Nations bodies.

ILGA would work directly with the Council and other non-governmental organizations to achieve equality worldwide through the pursuit of an international declaration on the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people. ILGA would add to the work of the Council by providing an international voice to highlight abuses of the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people and by profiling the best practices in the world relating to the rights of sexual minorities in order to communicate them as widely as possible. ILGA would uphold the principles upon which the United Nations rests and would use its consultative status with the Council to pursue diligently the improvement of the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people in every nation.

78. KITAKYUSHU FORUM ON ASIAN WOMEN

Address: No. 11-4 Otemachi
Kokura Kita-Ku, Kitakyushu City
Fukuoka Prefecture
Japan

Category requested: Special

Date established: October 1990

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 204 individual members in 25 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Yen)

Income

Contributions from Governments	96 000 000
Revenue from contracts, etc.	312 402 042
Other income	9 444 836
Total	417 848 878

Expenditure

Administration	62 930 139
Projects	55 828 565
Other activities	298 953 616
Total	417 712 320

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women (KFAW) carries out studies and research, promotes international personnel interchange and provides training courses, and gathers and sends to overseas sources a wide range of information regarding women and their problems in Asia, focusing on environmental development and women's role, with the aim of pursuing improvement in their social status and enhancing their sense of solidarity. It operates under the themes "Let's learn", "Let's commune" and "Let's cooperate".

As part of its special projects, KFAW has been entrusted by Kitakyushu City to manage the Kitakyushu Municipal Women's Centre. It has also been entrusted by an extradepartmental body of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to provide senior administrative officials from developing nations with international training courses (seminars) on bettering the social status of women in Asia and/or on environmental development in the region.

In order to fulfil a requirement set by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), KFAW established the National UNIFEM Committee in Japan in 1992, in cooperation with two other organizations, and has become a regular member of the Committee. It also founded UNIFEM KITAKYUSHU (a regional UNIFEM Committee) in 1994, which plays an active part in carrying out fund-raising campaigns and/or holding seminars every year to contribute to UNIFEM. It is the sincere desire of KFAW to continue to contribute to the development of UNIFEM in future.

KFAW would be ready to play an active part in promoting personnel interchange with individuals and organizations in the Asian and Pacific region in order to pursue the betterment of women in that region. In addition, KFAW would make every possible effort to help women in the Asian and Pacific region to secure their human rights and inspire them to become independent economically. For that purpose, KFAW intends to work in concert with individuals and organizations having the same object and aspiration in the region and to further study the role of women in coping with environmental issues in terms.

79. E-QUALITY

Address: Laan Copes van Cattenburgh 71
Den Haag
The Netherlands
P.O. Box 85808
2508 CM Den Haag
The Netherlands

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 1988

Membership: The organization is a national organization.

Summary of financial statement for 2000 (Netherlands guilders)

Income

Membership dues	
Contributions from Governments	4 600 000
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	47 351
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	60 000
Revenue from contracts etc.	18 900
Other income	
Total	4 726 251

Expenditure

Administration	1 610 000
Projects	1 920 251
Other activities	1 196 000
Total	4 726 251

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

E-Quality is an expert centre working on the intersection of gender and ethnicity. It advises and supports (migrant and refugee) women's grass-roots organizations and cooperates with NGOs in order to achieve a just society in which there is equality between women and men of all cultural/ethnic backgrounds. With the Beijing Platform for Action as point of departure, E-Quality monitors the Dutch Government's policies concerning the advancement of women, focusing on the elimination of intersectional discrimination.

E-Quality considers it to be its task to influence national and international policies (Dutch governmental bodies and parliament/United Nations and European Union context) to contribute to the achievement of equality in

society and to promote gender mainstreaming in all areas of policy. E-Quality assists women's organizations in establishing international links, and disseminates information on developments at the international and national levels.

Means employed by the organization include regular and specific publications, the operation of a large database, advisory and logistic support of women's groups and organizations, and the organization of conferences, seminars and expert meetings.

E-Quality has the legal status of a foundation; as such, it has no members in the legal sense. It is governed by an independent board, consisting of a majority of women with different ethnic backgrounds, representative of Dutch society. Board members are chosen on the basis of their management skills and expertise in the field. They are functioning in their personal capacities. The organization is financed by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment. Furthermore, E-Quality receives grants, earmarked for specific projects, from intergovernmental bodies (European Commission), NGOs and other non-governmental bodies.

E-Quality aims to increase the proportion of financial resources from non-governmental bodies (sponsoring of projects; revenue from contracts).

The Ministry assesses (afterwards and marginally) whether its finances were spent according to the purposes of the organization. The Government has no influence on the substance of the work of E-Quality, neither on the content of its projects nor on the recruitment of its staff.

E-Quality intends to continue following the work of the United Nations bodies that are explicitly concerned with the improvement of the status of women. It will contribute its expertise on the intersection of gender and ethnicity and provide substantial and logistic support to (migrant and refugee) women's organizations and NGOs on behalf of international lobby activities in order to realize the goals of the United Nations regarding the advancement of women. This means in particular:

(a) Continuation of regular attendance of sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, including pre- and post-session briefings of Dutch NGOs; attendance of ECE when the advancement of women is on its agenda;

(b) Continuation of the coordination of an contribution to NGO shadow reports for CEDAW and the attendance of CEDAW sessions when the Netherlands is on the agenda, including presentation of the shadow report;

(c) Continuation of joint activities with Dutch NGOs regarding the post-Beijing process and regarding the preparations and follow-up concerning WCAR 2001.

80. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF INSPECTION AGENCIES

Address: 22-23 Great Tower Street
London EC3R 5AQ
United Kingdom

Category requested: General

Date established: 8 June 1982

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 116 organization members in more than 30 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1996

Income		US$
Membership dues	£168,759.00 @ 1.65 =	278 452
Contributions from Governments		Nil
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations		Nil
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations		Nil
Revenue from contracts, etc.		Nil
Other income	Bank interest £6,772.00 @ 1.65 =	11 178
Total	£175,531 @ 1.65 = US$	289 626

Expenditure		
Administration) Projects) Other activities)	All expenditure is an administration	£146,502 @ 1.6 = 241 728.30
Total		US$ 241 728.30

The aims are the following:

- To promote the enhancement and efficiency of government-mandated Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI) services and other trade monitoring and information services in the fields of trade facilitation and technical assistance to Governments.

- To develop and maintain uniform professional standards and guidelines for observance by members.

- To facilitate the observance by members of all applicable international agreements/conventions and national regulations relating to the services being provided by members.

From 1994-1997 IFIA was invited by the United Nations Secretariat, Geneva, as an observer at the sessions of the United Nations Economic Commission for

Europe, Committee on the Development of Trade, Working Party on Facilitation of International Trade Procedures (WP4). Since March 1997, IFIA has been attending the sessions of the Centre for Facilitation of Procedures, Practices for Administration, Commerce and Transport (CEFACT) which replaced WP4 in March 1997.

Up to now, the role of IFIA has been to provide information on (a) the utilization of government-mandated pre-shipment inspection services in the field of trade facilitation and the provision of data and assistance to customs administrations and (b) the implementation of the WTO Agreement on Preshipment Inspection and the requirement for IFIA and ICC to provide assistance to WTO in connection with the implementation of the Independent Review Procedures in accordance with article 4 of the Agreement.

In 1996, at the request of WP4, IFIA submitted a paper on preshipment inspection.

As a result of the establishment of CEFACT in March 1997, IFIA believes it can make a useful contribution by actively participating in the work of the newly established Working Groups on matters relating to trade facilitation, standardization of documents, electronic exchange of information, etc.